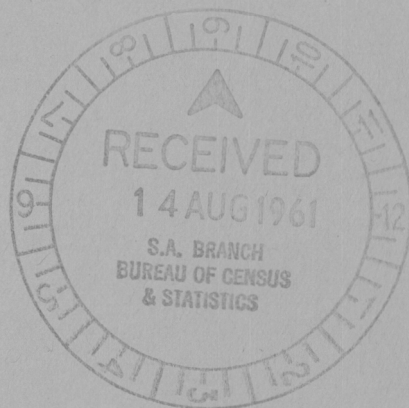


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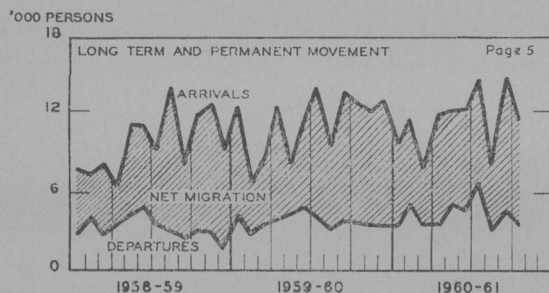
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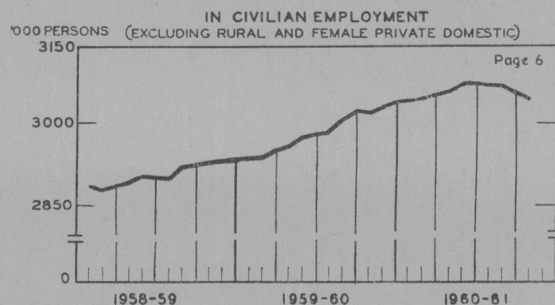
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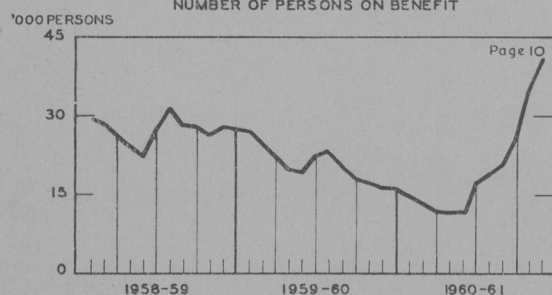
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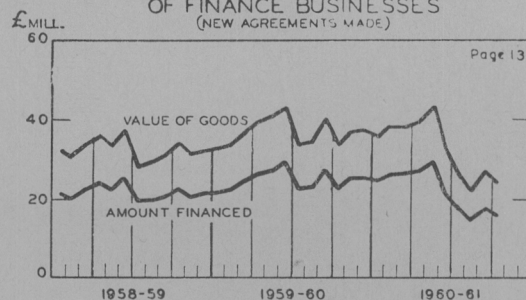
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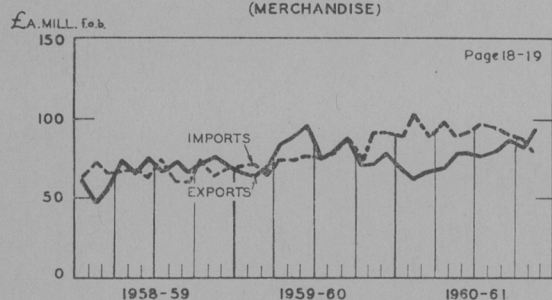
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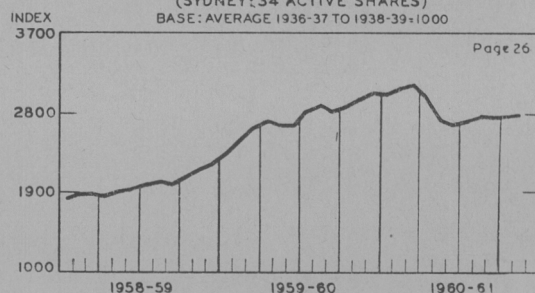
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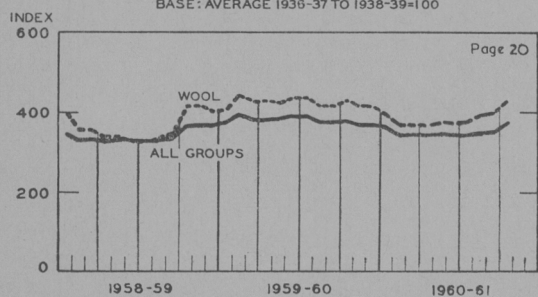
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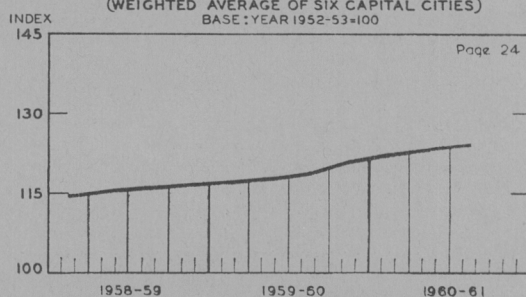
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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excluding Rural and female private domestics).(a)			Average Weekly Earnings (b) Index (Base: 1953-54=100).	Internal Trade—Retail Sales.(c)	Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		International Reserves. (d)	Building Approvals. (e)	New Houses and Flats Commenced. (f)
	Males.	Females.	Total.			Imports.	Exports.			
<b>Monthly Average—</b>	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	No.
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8.6	12.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.6	11.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	9.4	10.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1953-54 ..	1,954	707	2,661	100.0	459.5	56.5	67.7	570.7	27.0	19,219
1954-55 ..	2,018	740	2,758	105.4	502.1	70.1	63.2	428.3	33.3	19,309
1955-56 ..	2,067	769	2,836	112.2	537.7	68.2	64.2	455.0	36.1	18,155
1956-57 ..	2,082	779	2,861	118.2	562.0	59.7	81.1	566.5	32.8	17,364
1957-58 ..	2,089	791	2,880	121.3	585.5	65.8	67.5	525.4	37.1	18,337
1958-59 ..	2,113	804	2,917	124.5	613.4	66.2	67.2	516.4	41.3	20,421
1959-60 ..	2,160	840	3,000	133.6	672.6	77.1	77.2	512.0	50.3	22,836
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1958-59—										
April ..	2,127	813	2,940	125.5	613.6	73.1	72.2	527.2	48.0	20,958
May ..	2,128	813	2,941			63.1	76.7	544.3	43.5	
June ..	2,128	813	2,941			69.3	70.7	516.4	50.4	
1959-60—										
July ..	2,133	817	2,950	129.7	627.3	70.5	66.5	507.9	46.1	21,918
August ..	2,135	818	2,953			70.8	63.9	502.1	45.4	
September ..	2,140	825	2,965			63.8	68.8	514.1	53.6	
October ..	2,145	829	2,974	130.5	734.9	73.8	83.7	523.6	57.5	21,900
November ..	2,152	839	2,991			74.1	87.1	538.6	51.4	
December ..	2,152	839	2,991			76.0	96.1	547.2	43.4	
January ..	2,160	836	2,996	135.5	645.4	75.3	73.0	538.4	36.3	22,569
February ..	2,172	849	3,021			78.3	79.1	541.1	43.5	
March ..	2,180	856	3,036			88.0	87.9	547.2	59.9	
April ..	2,178	854	3,032	138.5	682.8	72.6	70.2	540.5	47.4	24,957
May ..	2,184	858	3,042			90.8	71.4	543.8	60.6	
June ..	2,188	859	3,047			90.6	78.3	512.0	58.7	
1960-61—										
July ..	2,189	861	3,050	138.4	685.5	89.0	66.5	482.6	58.9	35,638
August ..	2,192	863	3,055			103.1	61.1	441.9	59.1	
September ..	2,196	867	3,063			87.9	64.5	424.0	61.3	
October ..	2,201	871	3,072	141.5	784.9	100.0	68.7	413.3	59.5	23,926
November ..	2,208	879	3,087			89.6	76.7	398.0	61.3	
December ..	2,209	879	3,088			91.6	77.5	376.3	44.2	
January ..	2,211	872	3,083	141.4	667.8	99.6	76.6	374.5	34.6	20,136
February ..	2,207	877	3,084			94.5	79.7	373.6	41.3	
March ..	2,198	872	3,070			89.4	86.8	388.1	43.6	
April ..	2,191	863	3,054		217.9	86.8	81.6	416.5	33.2	
May ..	2,184	856	3,040		235.3	78.9	93.2	531.1	53.1	
June ..						74.6	97.6			

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (b), page 9. (b) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly and monthly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d) Source: Reserve Bank. (e) Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced, and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Annual figures are as at the end of the year. (h) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (i) Partly estimated.

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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways: Gross Earnings.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(c)		Bank Debits to Customer's Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars and Station Wagons. (a)	Other Motor Vehicles. (b)			Deposits.	Advances.	
	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.3	4.7	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	447.0
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.6	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955-56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.5	5.6	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956-57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.3	4.8	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957-58 ..	1,697	1,649	253.1	13.8	5.1	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958-59 ..	1,705	1,761	267.0	14.7	5.5	15,430	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	1,767	p1,945	293.3	18.7	5.7	16,265	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1958-59—						(d)				
April ..	1,721	1,731	266.2	15.5	6.1	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.8
May ..	1,690	1,893	288.2	13.8	5.9	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	679.1
June ..	1,801	1,987	293.1	14.9	6.3	15,204	9,768	1,379.0	791.1	677.6
1959-60—	p	p	p							
July ..	1,909	2,121	292.1	16.4	6.4	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	705.5
August ..	1,182	2,032	286.3	16.5	5.8	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	647.6
September	1,913	1,930	278.3	18.2	6.1	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	713.1
October ..	1,872	1,941	307.9	20.1	6.3	16,633	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
November	1,843	1,840	298.4	19.8	6.1	16,083	9,366	1,457.2	817.2	746.8
December	1,270	1,781	296.7	21.6	6.6	15,619	11,571	1,484.2	806.3	815.5
January ..	1,294	1,735	285.2	14.1	4.1	14,578	9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.7
February	1,711	1,766	275.2	18.2	5.0	15,279	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March ..	1,980	1,937	297.4	21.0	6.0	17,456	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April ..	1,663	1,872	294.4	18.1	5.0	15,560	9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May ..	1,969	2,177	314.7	20.2	5.9	16,820	11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8
June ..	1,973	2,212	305.1	19.9	5.7	17,588	12,616	1,460.0	875.4	821.3
1960-61—										
July ..	1,974	2,312	309.3	20.4	5.6	16,463	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
August ..	2,212	2,303	332.2	22.5	6.2	18,509	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September	2,059	r2,121	309.7	22.5	5.8	18,374	11,036	1,426.1	929.5	797.5
October ..	r1,971	r2,081	315.2	24.3	5.5	18,135	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November	r2,080	2,030	312.6	26.1	5.8	17,815	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December	r1,675	1,946	336.3	17.6	4.8	16,042	12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.4
January ..	977	r1,873	256.5	12.7	3.6	16,436	10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February	1,947	r1,859	281.6	12.9	4.1	16,562	10,681	1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..	2,159	2,048	325.3	19.0	4.6	17,994	12,191	1,501.7	866.4	795.8
April ..	1,412	r1,957	320.8	14.8	4.1		10,905	1,480.6	873.0	757.1
May ..		2,277	332.3	16.3	4.7		12,009	1,445.4	866.1	815.2

(a) Includes ambulances and hearses prior to 1955-56. (b) Excludes motor cycles, includes ambulances and hearses subsequent to 1954-55. (c) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (d) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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# POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>							
1950-51 .. ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52 .. ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53 .. ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54 .. ..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	8,986,530
1954-55 .. ..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56 .. ..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57 .. ..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58 .. ..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59 .. ..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
1959-60 .. ..	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,880	10,280,742
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>							
1957-58—							
March Qtr. ..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June „ ..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—							
September „ ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December „ ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March „ ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June „ ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60—							
September „ ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284
December „ ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,889	10,166,173
March „ ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	61,216	10,227,389
June „ ..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,353	10,280,742
1960-61—							
September „ ..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,291	10,332,033
December „ ..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	66,137	10,398,170
March „ ..	19,940	61,118	20,331	40,787	22,527	63,314	10,461,484

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net overseas migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933, and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

## POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
<b>30th June—</b>									
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	34,481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
1959 ..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	46,070	10,061,222
1960 ..	3,828,315	2,891,748	1,463,245	945,247	730,581	347,438	21,800	52,368	10,280,742
<b>31st March—</b>									
1961 ..	3,895,304	2,952,883	1,470,638	964,759	742,642	356,960	21,588	56,710	10,461,484

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

## OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

“ Long term and permanent movement ” relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—In Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. “ Short term movement ” relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1950-51 .. ..	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52 .. ..	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53 .. ..	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54 .. ..	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55 .. ..	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56 .. ..	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57 .. ..	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957-58 .. ..	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958-59 .. ..	4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959-60 .. ..	5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1958-59—							
April .. ..	4,058	7,579	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,149	8,611
May .. ..	4,185	6,353	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,029	9,547
June .. ..	4,490	4,304	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,837	7,392
1959-60—							
July .. ..	3,761	4,775	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,320	8,094
August .. ..	4,927	4,164	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,761	3,793
September ..	5,957	4,710	5,858	5,602	8,454	3,501	4,953
October .. ..	7,396	4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	3,937	8,498
November ..	5,956	4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,273	3,940
December ..	5,332	8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	4,949	6,131
January .. ..	6,849	4,883	6,696	7,331	14,022	4,132	9,890
February ..	5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March .. ..	5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April .. ..	4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May .. ..	4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June .. ..	5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465
1960-61—							
July .. ..	4,815	5,034	5,871	5,620	9,665	3,406	6,259
August .. ..	6,186	6,069	6,607	7,076	11,333	4,951	6,382
September ..	6,818	4,417	5,950	6,524	7,780	3,357	4,423
October .. ..	9,216	5,375	7,923	6,946	11,809	3,545	8,264
November ..	8,305	5,125	7,626	8,095	12,076	5,117	6,959
December ..	6,832	9,585	10,124	7,831	12,174	4,632	7,542
January .. ..	9,660	7,445	8,454	10,026	14,752	6,754	7,998
February ..	6,769	6,468	8,331	8,055	8,276	2,881	5,395
March .. ..	5,844	8,874	9,542	9,045	14,933	4,486	10,447
April .. ..	5,897	8,351	7,992	8,702	11,327	3,350	7,977
May .. ..	5,515	8,794	7,027	8,496	11,124	4,500	6,624

# W AGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Professional. (c)	Amusement, Hotels, and Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Governmental Authorities. (d)	Total.
MALES.											
1956—June ..	57.3	778.0	214.6	310.4	130.0	212.7	215.1	72.8	1,477.3	604.9	2,082.2
1957—June ..	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	220.8	74.0	1,475.9	609.5	2,085.4
1958—June ..	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	226.1	74.2	1,476.1	621.8	2,097.9
1959—June ..	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	233.2	73.7	1,493.7	633.9	2,127.6
1960—June ..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3	1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1959-60—April ..	49.2	835.2	205.0	311.4	136.2	230.3	239.8	76.1	1,543.4	634.6	2,178.0
May ..	49.3	839.1	205.3	311.5	137.6	230.4	240.4	75.3	1,549.6	633.9	2,183.5
June ..	49.3	840.9	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	240.6	75.3	1,554.4	633.3	2,187.7
1960-61—July ..	49.5	842.8	206.7	311.9	137.5	229.8	240.7	75.5	1,557.1	632.0	2,189.1
August ..	49.4	843.8	206.3	311.3	138.1	231.2	241.1	75.8	1,560.9	630.8	2,191.7
Sept. ..	49.2	846.8	205.8	310.3	138.5	232.7	241.4	76.1	1,565.9	629.4	2,195.3
October ..	49.3	848.4	206.5	310.7	139.2	233.9	241.9	76.1	1,571.8	628.8	2,200.6
Nov. ..	49.1	848.4	208.5	310.0	142.1	236.2	242.3	76.6	1,578.1	629.7	2,207.8
Dec. ..	49.1	844.5	206.4	311.8	143.7	237.6	243.2	77.8	1,577.0	631.7	2,208.7
January ..	48.2	845.2	207.7	313.5	140.1	239.2	244.5	77.2	1,576.1	634.9	2,211.0
February ..	48.8	838.4	208.7	314.0	138.7	239.4	246.5	76.8	1,569.2	637.7	2,206.9
March ..	49.0	830.3	206.6	315.6	137.8	238.9	247.3	77.1	1,557.3	641.1	2,198.4
April ..	48.8	824.8	205.9	316.6	136.8	238.0	248.3	76.4	r1,547.2	644.0	r2,191.2
May ..	48.8	818.4	206.7	316.3	136.3	236.8	249.3	76.0	1,536.1	648.0	2,184.1
FEMALES.											
1956—June ..	1.2	242.5	5.1	40.1	123.0	88.1	186.4	79.3	643.6	129.8	773.4
1957—June ..	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	192.2	78.9	647.4	132.8	780.2
1958—June ..	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	198.4	77.8	655.9	136.6	792.5
1959—June ..	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	209.9	77.3	669.1	143.9	813.0
1960—June ..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3	709.4	150.2	859.6
1959-60—April ..	1.1	267.9	5.9	41.2	131.5	101.0	218.5	78.6	704.3	149.7	854.0
May ..	1.1	269.2	6.0	41.0	133.7	101.2	219.3	78.6	708.4	150.0	858.4
June ..	1.1	270.4	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	220.0	78.3	709.4	150.2	859.6
1960-61—July ..	1.1	271.1	6.0	40.9	133.4	101.7	220.4	77.9	710.5	150.4	860.9
August ..	1.2	272.4	6.1	40.8	133.8	101.8	221.0	78.2	713.4	150.2	863.6
Sept. ..	1.2	274.2	6.1	41.0	135.1	101.7	220.9	78.8	717.1	150.2	867.3
October ..	1.2	275.0	6.1	41.4	136.8	102.2	221.3	79.0	720.6	150.7	871.3
Nov. ..	1.2	275.6	6.1	41.6	142.3	102.8	221.9	79.3	727.9	151.3	879.2
Dec. ..	1.2	272.8	6.2	41.6	145.3	103.2	220.4	79.7	728.4	150.4	878.8
January ..	1.2	270.0	6.2	41.9	139.5	104.6	220.9	78.9	720.5	151.3	871.8
February ..	1.2	269.6	6.3	42.2	137.7	106.1	226.4	78.6	721.0	155.7	876.7
March ..	1.2	265.7	6.3	42.1	136.2	106.2	227.5	78.3	715.8	156.2	872.0
April ..	1.2	258.2	6.3	41.9	134.5	105.5	228.5	78.1	r705.9	156.8	r862.7
May ..	1.2	251.5	6.3	41.8	134.7	104.8	229.5	77.6	698.9	157.1	856.0

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# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)—continued.

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Month.	Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.								Total Civilian Employees.		
	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (b)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Public Authority (n.e.i.) and Professional. (c)	Amusement, Hotels, Personal Service.	Private Employers.	Governmental Authorities. (d)	Total.
PERSONS.											
1951—June ..	56.6	948.8	216.5	334.8	248.8	259.7	357.5	153.4	1,984.9	685.1	2,670.0
1952—June ..	59.7	902.0	218.2	339.4	237.4	264.1	364.7	148.8	1,935.0	693.7	2,628.7
1953—June ..	58.9	913.0	197.5	331.3	234.9	262.5	368.6	144.3	1,924.5	679.8	2,604.3
1954—June ..	59.7	970.0	210.4	336.6	243.7	275.3	374.1	146.0	2,014.1	695.9	2,710.0
1955—June ..	59.4	1,002.0	216.7	347.1	251.0	290.2	387.0	151.2	2,079.7	721.9	2,801.6
1956—June ..	58.5	1,020.5	219.7	350.5	253.0	300.8	401.5	152.1	2,120.9	734.7	2,855.6
1957—June ..	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	413.0	152.9	2,123.3	742.3	2,865.6
1958—June ..	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	424.5	152.0	2,132.0	758.4	2,890.4
1959—June ..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1960—June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1958-59—April ..	50.3	1,053.5	211.2	353.1	259.2	318.1	441.0	152.7	2,162.7	777.3	2,940.0
May ..	50.1	1,053.1	211.6	352.6	261.5	317.1	441.7	152.2	2,162.9	778.0	2,940.9
June ..	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	443.1	151.0	2,162.8	777.8	2,940.6
1959-60—July ..	50.0	1,063.4	210.1	353.2	260.0	315.7	445.4	150.7	2,171.8	777.9	2,949.7
August ..	50.0	1,068.1	208.5	352.5	260.4	316.0	445.1	150.7	2,175.9	776.8	2,952.7
Sept. ..	50.1	1,075.2	208.7	351.9	261.5	318.7	445.9	151.6	2,189.3	775.8	2,965.1
October ..	50.1	1,080.2	209.1	351.4	263.3	320.4	446.2	152.2	2,200.0	774.3	2,974.3
Nov. ..	50.1	1,083.8	209.3	351.9	271.4	322.7	447.3	153.0	2,215.8	775.3	2,991.1
Dec. ..	50.1	1,077.0	207.6	350.4	278.2	323.9	446.4	155.5	2,217.3	773.6	2,990.9
January ..	50.4	1,085.6	208.6	353.3	267.5	327.1	445.7	155.5	2,221.4	775.0	2,996.4
February ..	50.4	1,098.3	210.3	353.1	267.2	329.9	454.4	154.6	2,238.2	782.8	3,021.0
March ..	50.4	1,105.7	211.7	353.4	267.4	332.0	457.2	154.6	2,251.0	784.5	3,035.5
April ..	50.3	1,103.1	210.9	352.6	267.7	331.3	458.3	154.7	2,247.7	784.3	3,032.0
May ..	50.4	1,108.3	211.3	352.5	271.3	331.6	459.7	153.9	2,258.0	783.9	3,041.9
June ..	50.4	1,111.3	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	460.6	153.6	2,263.8	783.5	3,047.3
1960-61—July ..	50.6	1,113.9	212.7	352.8	270.9	331.5	461.1	153.4	2,267.6	782.4	3,050.0
August ..	50.6	1,116.2	212.4	352.1	271.9	333.0	462.1	154.0	2,274.3	781.0	3,055.3
Sept. ..	50.4	1,121.0	211.9	351.3	273.6	334.4	462.3	154.9	2,283.0	779.6	3,062.6
October ..	50.5	1,123.4	212.6	352.1	276.0	336.1	463.2	155.1	2,292.4	779.5	3,071.9
Nov. ..	50.3	1,124.0	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	464.2	155.9	2,306.0	781.0	3,087.0
Dec. ..	50.3	1,117.3	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	463.6	157.5	2,305.4	782.1	3,087.5
January ..	49.4	1,115.2	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	465.4	156.1	2,296.6	786.2	3,082.8
February ..	50.0	1,108.0	215.0	356.2	276.4	345.5	472.9	155.4	2,290.2	793.4	3,083.6
March ..	50.2	1,096.0	212.9	357.7	274.0	345.1	474.8	155.4	2,273.1	797.3	3,070.4
April ..	50.0	1,083.0	212.2	358.5	271.3	343.5	476.8	154.5	r2,253.1	800.8	r3,053.9
May ..	50.0	1,069.9	213.0	358.1	271.0	341.6	478.8	153.6	2,235.0	805.1	3,040.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1952 to November, 1959, National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. (b) See note (b), page 9. (c) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health Services, Education and other Professional. (d) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

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# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT(a)—continued.

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Month.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1958—June ..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June ..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1959—60—April ..	842.3	621.5	287.7	196.1	141.4	69.7	6.1	13.2	2,178.0
May ..	844.4	622.6	289.5	196.3	141.5	69.7	6.3	13.2	2,183.5
June ..	846.8	623.4	290.4	196.6	141.7	69.4	6.3	13.1	2,187.7
1960—61—July ..	847.8	623.5	291.3	196.1	141.9	69.2	6.4	12.9	2,189.1
August ..	849.4	624.3	290.7	196.0	142.7	69.2	6.5	12.9	2,191.7
September ..	851.9	625.7	289.5	196.4	143.1	69.1	6.5	13.1	2,195.3
October ..	854.0	628.1	288.9	197.3	143.2	69.4	6.4	13.3	2,200.6
November ..	859.5	630.1	288.1	197.4	143.7	69.4	6.3	13.3	2,207.8
December ..	862.0	633.9	282.7	197.2	143.5	69.8	6.2	13.4	2,208.7
January ..	861.6	635.4	282.9	198.8	142.7	69.8	6.2	13.6	2,211.0
February ..	859.9	633.2	283.6	197.2	143.2	69.9	6.2	13.7	2,206.9
March ..	855.7	631.0	281.8	196.8	142.9	70.1	6.3	13.8	2,198.4
April ..	850.6	r628.3	282.5	196.6	143.1	70.0	6.3	13.8	r2,191.2
May ..	847.1	623.8	284.7	196.3	142.7	69.4	6.4	13.7	2,184.1

## FEMALES.

1958—June ..	314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June ..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1959—60—April ..	338.1	266.8	100.4	69.2	48.9	24.2	1.6	4.8	854.0
May ..	339.6	267.9	101.2	69.7	49.4	24.2	1.6	4.8	858.4
June ..	340.1	268.1	101.8	69.8	49.2	24.2	1.6	4.8	859.6
1960—61—July ..	340.7	268.6	101.9	70.1	49.3	23.9	1.6	4.8	860.9
August ..	342.1	268.4	102.8	70.4	49.8	23.6	1.6	4.9	863.6
September ..	343.7	270.2	102.6	70.6	50.2	23.5	1.6	4.9	867.3
October ..	346.1	271.3	102.6	70.9	50.4	23.5	1.6	4.9	871.3
November ..	349.6	274.1	103.4	71.0	50.6	23.8	1.6	5.1	879.2
December ..	350.3	273.1	102.6	70.8	51.1	24.3	1.6	5.0	878.8
January ..	346.1	272.3	101.8	71.1	50.0	23.9	1.6	5.0	871.8
February ..	346.7	275.9	101.8	70.7	50.4	24.4	1.6	5.2	876.7
March ..	344.1	274.0	101.0	70.9	50.4	24.7	1.6	5.3	872.0
April ..	r339.8	270.0	100.8	70.2	50.5	24.4	1.7	5.3	r862.7
May ..	338.6	265.0	100.7	70.0	50.3	24.4	1.7	5.3	856.0

## PERSONS.

1958—June ..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June ..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1959—60—April ..	1,180.4	888.3	388.1	265.3	190.3	93.9	7.7	18.0	3,032.0
May ..	1,184.0	890.5	390.7	266.0	190.9	93.9	7.9	18.0	3,041.9
June ..	1,185.9	891.5	392.2	266.4	190.9	93.6	7.9	17.9	3,047.3
1960—61—July ..	1,188.5	892.1	393.2	266.2	191.2	93.1	8.0	17.7	3,050.0
August ..	1,191.5	892.7	393.5	266.4	192.5	92.8	8.1	17.8	3,055.3
September ..	1,195.6	895.9	392.1	267.0	193.3	92.6	8.1	18.0	3,062.6
October ..	1,200.1	899.4	391.5	268.2	193.6	92.9	8.0	18.2	3,071.9
November ..	1,209.1	904.2	391.5	268.4	194.3	93.2	7.9	18.4	3,087.0
December ..	1,212.3	907.0	385.3	268.0	194.6	94.1	7.8	18.4	3,087.5
January ..	1,207.7	907.7	384.7	269.9	192.7	93.7	7.8	18.6	3,082.8
February ..	1,206.6	909.1	385.4	267.9	193.6	94.3	7.8	18.9	3,083.6
March ..	1,199.8	905.0	382.8	267.7	193.3	94.8	7.9	19.1	3,070.4
April ..	r1,190.4	r898.3	383.3	266.8	193.6	94.4	8.0	19.1	r3,053.9
May ..	1,185.7	888.8	385.4	266.3	193.0	93.8	8.1	19.0	3,040.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and, from June, 1957 to June, 1959, National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 9, and notes on page 7.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
1937—June ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2
1938—June ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9
1939—June ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2
1953—June ..	372.7	304.5	91.4	78.2	43.6	22.6	701.5	211.5	913.0
1954—June ..	394.7	324.2	96.5	84.8	45.5	24.3	738.0	232.0	970.0
1955—June ..	408.1	336.5	97.9	87.4	47.3	24.8	763.5	238.5	1,002.0
1956—June ..	418.0	341.1	98.4	89.4	46.5	27.1	778.0	242.5	1,020.5
1957—June ..	422.5	340.1	99.9	88.4	45.8	26.4	780.2	242.9	1,023.1
1958—June ..	431.5	342.8	99.4	88.9	45.2	27.3	791.1	244.0	1,035.1
1959—June ..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5
1960—June ..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1958-59—									
April ..	434.8	353.2	99.3	91.9	46.2	28.1	804.3	249.2	1,053.5
May ..	436.0	351.5	100.0	91.7	45.9	28.0	804.7	248.4	1,053.1
June ..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5
1959-60—									
July ..	439.4	355.6	102.7	92.3	45.7	27.7	811.9	251.5	1,063.4
August ..	441.5	358.0	102.4	92.8	45.9	27.5	814.2	253.9	1,068.1
September ..	445.5	360.9	101.5	93.5	46.1	27.7	817.3	257.9	1,075.2
October ..	447.8	363.9	100.4	93.9	46.4	27.8	820.1	260.1	1,080.2
November ..	450.7	366.3	97.7	94.5	46.6	28.0	821.3	262.5	1,083.8
December ..	448.6	364.8	93.4	94.8	46.5	28.9	817.2	259.8	1,077.0
January ..	450.5	368.1	94.9	96.0	46.4	29.7	824.8	260.8	1,085.6
February ..	454.7	372.9	97.9	96.8	46.9	29.1	831.0	267.3	1,098.3
March ..	457.4	376.1	98.5	97.6	47.1	29.0	835.4	270.3	1,105.7
April ..	457.9	373.0	99.1	96.9	47.0	29.2	835.2	267.9	1,103.1
May ..	459.9	373.4	101.6	97.1	47.1	29.2	839.1	269.2	1,108.3
June ..	461.6	374.2	102.5	97.1	46.8	29.1	840.9	270.4	1,111.3
1960-61—									
July ..	462.4	375.0	103.6	97.1	47.0	28.8	842.8	271.1	1,113.9
August ..	463.6	375.9	103.3	97.5	47.4	28.5	843.8	272.4	1,116.2
September ..	466.2	378.0	102.8	97.9	47.8	28.3	846.8	274.2	1,121.0
October ..	467.1	379.8	102.0	98.3	47.9	28.3	848.4	275.0	1,123.4
November ..	468.4	381.0	100.1	98.1	48.0	28.4	848.4	275.6	1,124.0
December ..	467.1	380.4	95.7	97.6	47.7	28.8	844.5	272.8	1,117.3
January ..	464.2	379.4	96.5	98.3	47.8	29.0	845.2	270.0	1,115.2
February ..	460.5	377.4	97.7	95.8	47.8	28.8	838.4	269.6	1,108.0
March ..	455.4	372.4	96.8	94.9	47.3	29.2	830.3	265.7	1,096.0
April ..	449.8	366.5	97.1	93.5	47.3	28.8	824.8	258.2	1,083.0
May ..	444.8	358.2	98.8	92.6	47.0	28.5	818.4	251.5	1,069.9

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1960, represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1960, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.



# UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.	
											Ordinary.	Migrant. <i>b</i>
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Australia.(c)(d)			Australia	Australia	Australia.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.			
Monthly												
Average—												
1950–51 ..	(c) 287	71	326	(d) 6	59	14	619	144	763	7,059	863	(e)
1951–52 ..	(c) 949	220	1,374	(d) 24	64	16	1,966	681	2,647	6,454	993	(e)
1952–53 ..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	25,526	4,458	29,984	7,140	1,408	(f)415
1953–54 ..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	10,680	2,552	13,232	7,994	1,868	426
1954–55 ..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	2,623	1,067	3,690	7,984	1,983	484
1955–56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	3,066	948	4,014	7,303	1,973	464
1956–57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	10,355	2,311	12,666	6,992	2,012	823
1957–58 ..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	18,978	4,922	23,900	7,314	2,107	611
1958–59 ..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	20,204	7,107	27,311	8,241	2,147	463
1959–60 ..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	14,713	5,993	20,706	8,722	2,290	344
Last Saturday of Month—												
1958–59—												
May ..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	20,067	7,857	27,924	8,450	2,293	872
June ..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	19,691	7,837	27,528	8,473	2,264	553
1959–60—												
July ..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	19,299	8,143	27,442	8,786	2,244	479
August ..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	17,532	7,355	24,887	9,069	2,187	470
September ..	9,232	5,281	2,902	1,226	2,670	816	15,577	6,586	22,163	9,223	2,268	199
October ..	7,832	4,302	3,121	1,158	2,436	714	13,654	5,944	19,598	8,977	2,241	624
November ..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	13,337	5,700	19,037	8,990	2,245	131
December ..	7,381	4,044	6,814	1,120	2,538	546	16,890	5,579	22,469	8,525	2,244	436
January ..	7,849	3,946	7,765	1,152	2,638	397	18,054	5,727	23,781	8,188	2,326	480
February ..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	14,522	5,498	20,020	8,458	2,403	118
March ..	6,011	3,254	5,356	1,034	2,073	286	12,562	5,480	18,042	8,842	2,410	388
April ..	6,058	3,588	4,306	1,324	2,084	352	12,252	5,480	17,732	8,346	2,379	661
May ..	5,719	3,768	3,382	1,375	2,075	424	11,475	5,290	16,765	8,693	2,275	87
June ..	5,605	3,676	3,064	1,380	2,293	500	11,399	5,142	16,541	8,569	2,258	53
1960–61—												
July ..	5,175	3,531	1,843	1,413	2,322	587	10,078	4,819	14,897	8,898	2,311	97
August ..	4,461	3,052	2,059	1,177	1,977	590	8,947	4,384	13,331	9,134	2,300	127
September ..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	7,924	3,859	11,783	8,974	2,262	61
October ..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	6,840	3,524	10,364	8,987	2,365	249
November ..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	7,236	3,424	10,660	8,877	2,451	66
December ..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13,647	3,986	17,633	8,216	2,447	193
January ..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	14,985	4,272	19,257	7,758	2,436	433
February ..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	15,854	5,087	20,941	8,166	2,463	95
March ..	6,809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	19,558	6,088	25,646	8,154	2,485	334
April ..	11,539	7,537	9,528	2,933	2,717	689	26,609	8,416	35,025	8,111	2,498	1,104
May ..	r15,131	11,190	9,187	3,267	2,793	998	32,763	9,904	r42,667	8,251	2,385	1,363
June ..	19,574	16,089	9,632	4,042	3,417	1,336	42,479	11,775	54,254	8,536	2,356	1,116

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.  
Capital Territory.

(d) Includes the Northern Territory.

(b) In reception and training centres.  
(e) Not available.

(c) Includes the Australian  
(f) Eight months only.

# VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	News-papers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>							r	r					r	r
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1		22.8	16.2	19.2		63.1		342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9		27.4	19.4	19.0		76.9		404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5   12.2		28.0	19.0	18.2		12.7   13.3   52.7		424.7	104.9
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		33.9	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.1	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.0	26.1	23.0		99.6		537.7	153.3
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.5	70.7	59.4	95.2   14.8		36.1	28.3	23.1		19.2   17.3   69.4		562.0	157.9
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.3	34.4	24.4		109.7		585.5	171.2
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2   16.2		39.4	39.9	25.0	23.8   18.7   70.4			613.4	186.2
1959-60—pr ..	101.0	48.1	85.9	64.9	111.0   18.2		42.3	48.8	29.2	26.4   20.3   76.5			672.6	223.9
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>														
1957-58—														
Sept. ..	86.9	43.6	69.9	57.3	106.1		35.4	29.9	24.2		103.7		557.0	164.3
Dec. ..	92.6	42.0	77.4	69.1	132.3		40.9	39.0	27.4		126.3		647.0	179.9
Mar. ..	88.2	41.9	74.7	63.6	94.9		34.6	35.0	22.4		104.4		559.7	167.2
June ..	90.6	43.3	72.5	58.2	117.7		34.2	33.8	23.6		104.6		578.5	173.2
1958-59—														
Sept. ..	91.7	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.7   15.1		37.6	39.1	24.8	22.4   17.2   67.8			585.1	180.9
Dec. ..	99.0	44.6	81.7	67.1	117.6   18.7		44.9	45.9	28.1	25.6   21.3   80.6			675.1	195.5
Mar. ..	92.1	43.6	82.1	64.1	82.8   14.1		36.7	36.4	22.0	22.6   18.5   64.7			579.7	177.6
June ..	94.5	46.5	76.6	57.8	108.6   17.0		38.3	38.1	24.9	24.8   17.9   68.6			613.6	190.6
1959-60—r														
Sept. ..	97.3	47.6	80.3	59.0	101.8   16.7		39.6	44.1	27.8	24.5   18.5   70.1			627.3	204.8
Dec. ..	105.3	47.2	90.5	70.7	127.5   20.7		48.0	54.5	32.8	28.4   22.9   86.4			734.9	236.6
Mar. ..	99.5	47.3	87.3	68.1	94.0   15.7		40.3	47.6	26.9	25.6   20.6   72.5			645.4	220.2
June—p ..	101.8	50.3	85.6	61.7	120.9   19.5		41.3	49.0	29.4	26.9   19.3   77.1			682.8	233.8
1960-61—pr														
Sept. ..	105.4	52.8	87.6	61.2	110.1   18.4		42.7	48.5	31.9	27.8   20.1   79.0			685.5	250.9
Dec. ..	114.7	52.9	96.1	73.7	134.7   22.1		50.0	54.3	35.0	32.1   24.3   95.0			784.9	251.3
Mar. ..	106.2	51.3	92.4	69.3	95.5   16.5		40.7	45.0	26.0	28.0   20.9   76.0			667.8	200.0
<b>Monthly Total—</b>														
1960-61—p														
April ..													217.9	
May ..													235.3	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement). (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc. (f) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, &c.			Plant and Machinery.		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed.(b) (£'000.)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1953-54 .. .. .	(c)19,692	(c)13,174	(c) 7,374	(c)	(c)	(c)
1954-55 .. .. .	23,182	15,939	9,239	1,214	732	450
1955-56 .. .. .	25,484	17,700	10,496	1,584	992	616
1956-57 .. .. .	26,424	18,718	11,407	1,802	1,207	764
1957-58 .. .. .	29,848	21,468	13,111	1,872	1,322	851
1958-59 .. .. .	32,944	23,764	14,749	2,596	1,832	1,174
1959-60 .. .. .	37,218	27,628	17,681	2,855	2,208	1,449
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
April .. .. .	34,604	25,739	15,959	2,863	1,952	1,235
May .. .. .	31,822	23,280	14,473	2,615	1,695	1,103
June .. .. .	33,431	24,020	15,223	2,532	1,674	1,091
1959-60—						
July .. .. .	34,661	24,701	15,622	2,643	1,611	1,016
August .. .. .	35,549	25,561	16,206	2,406	1,631	1,074
September .. .. .	38,896	28,251	17,808	2,598	1,906	1,263
October .. .. .	40,661	30,236	19,098	3,231	2,481	1,625
November .. .. .	39,453	30,379	19,302	3,536	2,986	1,901
December .. .. .	42,448	32,588	20,800	3,469	2,738	1,810
January .. .. .	34,328	23,903	15,442	2,342	1,810	1,190
February .. .. .	34,940	25,498	16,310	2,691	1,974	1,304
March .. .. .	39,855	29,363	18,857	3,360	2,743	1,815
April .. .. .	32,925	25,143	16,312	2,513	2,069	1,371
May .. .. .	36,296	27,786	18,074	2,767	2,193	1,437
June .. .. .	36,638	28,157	18,360	2,730	2,360	1,589
1960-61—						
July .. .. .	35,518	27,323	17,724	2,834	2,300	1,545
August .. .. .	38,195	29,557	19,104	2,811	2,249	1,494
September .. .. .	36,886	29,047	18,787	3,003	2,498	1,640
October .. .. .	36,796	29,280	18,898	3,803	3,741	2,477
November .. .. .	38,530	32,200	20,791	4,525	4,371	2,796
December .. .. .	28,046	23,484	14,733	3,226	3,069	2,039
January .. .. .	22,901	18,581	11,593	2,295	2,030	1,294
February .. .. .	19,604	15,939	9,963	1,978	1,789	1,119
March .. .. .	24,806	20,380	12,634	2,638	2,299	1,453
April p .. .. .	22,686	18,106	11,358	2,145	2,091	1,329
May p .. .. .	24,554	19,276	12,129	2,439	2,243	1,418

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (c) Details relating to "Plant and Machinery" are included with "Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc."

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.



# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—*continued.*

## NEW AGREEMENTS MADE: AUSTRALIA—*continued.*

Period.	Household and Personal Goods.			Total (All Goods).		
	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods (a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed (b) (£'000.)	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods (a) (£'000.)	Amount Financed (b) (£'000.)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1953-54 .. .. .	46,311	3,438	2,704	66,003	16,612	10,078
1954-55 .. .. .	53,535	4,091	3,315	77,931	20,762	13,004
1955-56 .. .. .	56,292	4,319	3,509	83,360	23,011	14,621
1956-57 .. .. .	56,473	4,437	3,564	84,699	24,362	15,735
1957-58 .. .. .	67,949	6,965	5,648	99,669	29,755	19,610
1958-59 .. .. .	69,689	6,951	5,714	105,229	32,547	21,637
1959-60 .. .. .	70,904	7,260	5,981	100,977	37,096	25,111
<b>Monthly Total—</b>						
1958-59—						
April .. .. .	65,933	6,578	5,426	103,400	34,269	22,620
May .. .. .	63,176	6,369	5,293	97,613	31,344	20,869
June .. .. .	64,940	6,304	5,186	100,903	31,998	21,500
1959-60—						
July .. .. .	63,064	6,338	5,270	100,368	32,650	21,908
August .. .. .	62,494	6,221	5,027	100,449	33,413	22,307
September .. .. .	71,096	7,183	5,947	112,590	37,340	25,018
October .. .. .	73,854	7,382	6,103	117,746	40,099	26,826
November .. .. .	76,867	7,624	6,283	119,856	40,989	27,486
December .. .. .	92,195	8,807	7,289	138,112	44,133	29,899
January .. .. .	77,751	7,601	6,252	114,421	33,314	22,884
February .. .. .	66,450	6,910	5,603	104,081	34,382	23,217
March .. .. .	72,251	8,133	6,675	115,466	40,239	27,347
April .. .. .	59,785	6,207	5,149	95,223	33,419	22,832
May .. .. .	67,643	7,291	6,031	106,706	37,270	25,542
June .. .. .	17,499	7,426	6,142	106,867	37,943	26,091
1960-61—						
July .. .. .	65,132	6,656	5,488	103,484	36,279	24,757
August .. .. .	58,840	6,685	5,540	99,846	31,491	26,138
September .. .. .	58,743	6,456	5,335	91,632	38,001	25,762
October .. .. .	58,637	6,404	5,279	99,236	39,425	26,654
November .. .. .	62,295	6,599	5,422	105,350	43,170	29,009
December .. .. .	60,130	6,168	5,070	91,402	32,721	21,842
January .. .. .	55,073	5,859	4,814	80,269	26,470	17,701
February .. .. .	44,847	4,808	3,931	66,429	22,536	15,013
March .. .. .	43,933	4,873	3,921	71,377	27,552	18,008
April p .. .. .	33,828	3,847	3,120	58,659	24,044	15,807
May p .. .. .	37,458	4,243	3,448	64,451	25,762	16,995

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, *see* page 1.

# RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE).(a)  
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1954-55—							
31st March.. ..	65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June .. ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
1955-56—							
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
31st March.. ..	78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June .. ..	79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
1956-57—							
30th September ..	80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December ..	83,831	61,458	36,089	24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
31st March.. ..	83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June .. ..	85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
1957-58—							
30th September ..	89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st December ..	96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
31st March.. ..	103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th June .. ..	111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
1958-59—							
30th September ..	120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st December ..	130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
28th February ..	133,424	97,626	48,097	32,181	20,570	10,770	342,668
31st March.. ..	134,777	98,035	48,488	31,978	20,526	10,747	344,551
30th April .. ..	137,455	99,162	48,928	32,152	20,699	10,755	349,151
31st May .. ..	139,278	99,831	49,348	32,517	20,818	10,693	352,485
30th June .. ..	141,028	100,193	49,451	32,802	20,779	10,696	354,949
1959-60—							
31st July .. ..	142,857	100,251	50,221	33,566	20,878	10,817	358,590
31st August .. ..	144,700	101,506	50,926	33,981	21,107	10,920	363,140
30th September ..	147,077	103,540	51,905	34,954	21,407	10,988	369,871
31st October .. ..	150,139	106,046	53,385	35,897	21,991	11,101	378,559
30th November ..	153,053	108,326	55,215	37,069	22,892	11,390	387,945
31st December ..	157,293	112,211	56,806	38,680	23,633	11,733	400,356
31st January .. ..	158,807	112,759	56,803	39,252	23,716	11,676	403,013
29th February ..	158,994	113,772	57,013	39,676	22,865	11,651	403,971
31st March .. ..	160,185	116,009	57,614	40,434	23,279	11,560	409,081
30th April .. ..	161,510	115,948	58,139	41,160	23,687	11,628	412,072
31st May .. ..	162,447	116,849	59,116	42,069	24,430	11,701	416,612
30th June .. ..	163,808	118,493	59,721	42,922	25,169	11,835	421,948
1960-61—							
31st July .. ..	164,195	119,003	60,288	43,358	25,852	12,141	424,837
31st August .. ..	165,267	118,894	61,011	44,184	26,397	12,323	428,076
30th September ..	167,809	119,827	62,151	45,110	26,602	12,566	434,065
31st October .. ..	169,462	120,766	62,719	45,764	27,316	12,588	438,615
30th November ..	173,210	122,056	63,900	46,867	28,438	12,897	447,368
31st December ..	174,229	121,361	64,668	47,156	29,161	13,100	449,675
31st January .. ..	174,065	119,247	63,635	47,055	29,436	13,228	446,666
28th February ..	169,611	116,572	61,586	45,835	27,726	12,927	434,257
31st March.. ..	166,239	113,761	60,490	44,713	27,584	12,813	425,600
30th April p ..	165,145	111,267	59,297	43,409	27,122	12,700	418,940
31st May p .. ..	162,940	109,022	57,961	42,546	27,106	12,437	412,012

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.  
Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.								Net Sales Recorded.		
								Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.4	21.8	37.2
1937-38	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.9	23.6	40.5
1938-39	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16.4	23.4	39.8
1950-51	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.1	94.9	141.0
1951-52	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	52.0	110.1	162.1
1952-53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46.3	111.8	158.1
1953-54	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	57.3	122.2	179.5
1954-55	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63.9	141.6	205.5
1955-56	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	66.5	154.8	221.3
1956-57	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65.1	168.1	233.2
1957-58	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70.8	175.5	246.3
1958-59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	74.2	179.3	253.5
1959-60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	85.0	196.2	281.2
Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.										
								8½%	12½%	16½%
								25%	30%	40%
Monthly Total—										
1959-60—										
November	..	18.7	41.2	10.8	9.4	15.9	..	96.0	201.6	297.6
December	..	21.1	44.0	11.1	10.5	14.3	..	101.0	207.4	308.4
January	..	12.7	30.5	7.9	6.0	9.9	..	67.0	154.9	221.9
February	..	15.5	33.5	10.4	6.9	17.4	..	83.7	188.1	271.8
March	..	16.6	37.0	11.2	8.4	16.4	..	89.6	214.7	304.3
April	..	14.4	32.8	9.8	7.7	13.6	..	78.3	200.4	278.7
May	..	16.5	34.3	11.1	9.3	15.7	..	86.9	209.9	296.8
June	..	15.1	33.2	11.1	7.9	16.3	..	83.6	211.7	295.3
1960-61—										
July	..	17.1	34.5	10.6	8.4	15.8	..	86.4	191.7	278.1
August	..	18.4	39.8	12.4	9.3	18.7	..	98.6	207.1	305.7
September	..	18.8	41.6	11.1	9.4	17.1	..	98.0	211.3	309.3
October	..	18.7	41.4	10.9	8.8	18.9	..	98.7	206.4	305.1
November	..	21.6	45.8	11.9	9.4	18.5	4.9	112.1	249.3	361.4
December	..	19.6	46.7	10.1	10.2	..	12.1	98.7	209.8	308.5
January 1	..	11.5	33.5	7.6	5.6	..	7.8	66.0	170.5	236.5
February (a)	..	14.4	37.2	8.4	6.5	2.7	7.3	76.5	202.9	279.4

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Fuels and Lubricants.(d)		Auxiliary Aids to Production.(e)		Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.				Total.(c)							
					Motor Vehicle Assembly.ab		Other.(c)									
	Class Ia.		Class Ib.		Class Ic (5).		Class Ic (1-4)		Class I.		Class II.		Class III.		Class VII.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	{(f)}	{(f)}	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2	415	4.8	31	0.4
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4	480	4.5	36	0.3
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8	476	5.1	88	0.9
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8	{(f)}	{(f)}	19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0	1,995	3.5	351	0.6
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9	2,503	3.6	728	0.9
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8			5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7	2,357	3.4
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	3.9	2,191	3.7	745	1.2
1957-58 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	3.1	2,223	3.4	676	1.0
1958-59 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	3.5	2,204	3.3	721	1.1
1959-60 ..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,580	39.7	40,530	52.6	2,178	2.8	2,425	3.2	1,035	1.3
Monthly Total—																
1958-59—																
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	3.9	2,368	3.3	884	1.2
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3	26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	2.8	1,863	3.0	641	1.0
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5	27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	3.0	2,151	3.1	436	0.6
1959-60—																
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4	28,315	40.1	36,416	51.6	2,689	3.8	2,318	3.3	1,392	2.0
August	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4	26,739	37.8	35,539	50.2	3,082	4.4	2,292	3.2	586	0.8
September	2,049	3.2	531	0.8	5,032	7.9	26,974	42.3	34,586	54.2	1,197	1.9	2,288	3.6	379	0.6
October	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.8	30,858	41.8	38,638	52.4	2,221	3.0	2,890	3.9	392	0.5
November	2,063	2.8	581	0.8	5,418	7.3	29,972	40.4	38,034	51.3	2,204	3.0	2,261	3.1	1,497	2.0
December	1,997	2.6	766	1.0	5,388	7.1	30,342	39.9	38,493	50.6	1,920	2.5	2,301	3.0	887	1.2
January	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9	30,418	40.4	40,771	54.1	1,062	1.4	2,368	3.1	879	1.2
February	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4	29,643	37.8	39,308	50.1	2,867	3.7	2,106	2.7	2,355	3.0
March	3,792	4.3	776	0.9	9,029	10.2	33,088	37.6	46,685	53.0	2,096	2.4	2,480	2.8	872	1.0
April ..	2,740	3.8	580	0.8	7,542	10.4	27,498	37.9	38,360	52.9	1,992	2.8	3,067	4.2	1,605	2.2
May ..	3,576	3.9	693	0.8	8,833	9.7	36,647	40.4	49,749	54.8	2,689	3.0	2,207	2.4	953	1.0
June ..	4,160	4.6	796	0.9	8,366	9.2	36,447	40.3	49,769	55.0	2,119	2.3	2,520	2.8	628	0.7
1960-61 p—																
July ..	3,701	4.2	1,136	1.3	7,334	8.2	38,454	43.2	50,625	56.9	2,029	2.3	2,752	3.1	940	1.0
August ..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,221	41.2	57,341	55.7	2,412	2.3	3,689	3.6	1,109	1.1
September	4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,991	42.1	49,263	56.1	2,468	2.8	2,545	2.9	668	0.8
October	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	42,309	42.0	55,367	55.1	2,628	2.6	3,877	3.9	426	0.4
November	3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,282	43.0	48,922	54.8	1,902	2.1	4,257	4.7	371	0.4
December	3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,476	38.8	47,050	51.4	1,796	2.0	3,840	4.2	550	0.6
January ..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	38,996	39.2	51,647	51.9	3,233	3.3	2,937	3.0	1,234	1.2
February	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,428	41.6	51,382	54.2	1,385	1.5	4,002	4.2	336	0.4
March ..	3,051	3.4	930	1.1	7,871	8.8	34,059	38.1	45,911	51.4	1,775	2.0	3,468	3.9	401	0.4
April ..	2,286	2.6	775	0.9	7,637	8.8	34,049	39.2	44,747	51.5	3,219	3.7	2,637	3.1	349	0.4
May ..	2,444	3.1	1,078	1.4	5,631	7.1	32,171	40.8	41,324	52.4	1,706	2.2	2,607	3.3	653	0.8

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts. (c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in classes VI. E-J and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic. (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in class Ic. (5).

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.							
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.				Food, Beverages and Tobacco.		Clothing and Accessories.		All Other. (a)		Total. (a)	
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.									
	Class IV.		Class V.B.		Class V. A, C, D.		Class VI.A, B, C.		Class VI. D.		Class VI.E-J.		Class VI.	
Monthly Average—		%		%		%		%		%		%		%
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3	1,878	21.8
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0	2,079	19.6
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4	2,009	21.3
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9	9,840	17.4
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5	13,318	19.0
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0	11,621	17.0
1956-57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4	10,091	16.9
1957-58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6	11,875	18.0
1958-59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1	11,791	17.8
1959-60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0	13,539	17.6
Monthly Total—														
1958-59—														
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,623	13.0	12,292	16.7
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	7,850	12.5	10,862	17.3
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,929	12.8	11,799	17.0
1959-60—														
July ..	12,248	17.4	769	1.1	2,920	4.2	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	8,806	12.5	11,745	16.6
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.2	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	8,929	12.6	12,357	17.5
September ..	11,072	17.4	778	1.2	1,524	2.4	2,976	4.6	372	0.6	8,609	13.5	11,957	18.7
October ..	12,168	16.5	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.4	9,386	12.7	13,228	17.9
November ..	13,461	18.2	824	1.1	2,247	3.0	2,663	3.6	376	0.5	10,531	14.2	13,570	18.3
December ..	15,185	20.0	1,122	1.5	2,941	3.9	2,850	3.8	413	0.5	9,882	13.0	13,145	17.3
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.2	3,088	4.1	507	0.6	9,841	13.1	13,436	17.8
February ..	13,817	17.6	980	1.3	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,655	12.3	13,630	17.4
March ..	15,658	17.8	1,458	1.7	2,191	2.5	3,633	4.1	756	0.9	12,166	13.8	16,555	18.8
April ..	13,382	18.4	1,010	1.4	1,764	2.4	2,654	3.7	543	0.7	8,225	11.3	11,422	15.7
May ..	16,989	18.7	1,419	1.6	1,443	1.6	2,979	3.3	490	0.5	11,913	13.1	15,382	16.9
June ..	16,388	18.1	1,307	1.4	1,823	2.0	3,381	3.7	416	0.5	12,249	13.5	16,046	17.7
1960-61 p—														
July ..	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	11,828	13.3	14,914	16.8
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,008	12.6	17,442	16.9
September ..	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4	15,626	17.8
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9	17,819	17.9
November ..	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9	16,233	18.1
December ..	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0	16,664	18.2
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6	17,480	17.5
February ..	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6	16,208	17.1
March ..	17,778	19.9	1,530	1.7	1,263	1.4	4,045	4.5	961	1.1	12,233	13.7	17,239	19.3
April ..	16,595	19.1	1,101	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,599	4.1	686	0.8	11,543	13.3	15,828	18.2
May ..	15,094	19.1	1,116	1.4	1,697	2.2	3,299	4.2	421	0.5	11,016	13.9	14,736	18.6

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, *see* note (c), page 16. (b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class Ic.

For meaning of symbols p, —, *see* page 1.



# IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Crude.	Simply transformed.	Elaborately transformed.	Total.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 .. ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 .. ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 .. ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1953-54 .. ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 .. ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 .. ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 .. ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957-58 .. ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958-59 .. ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959-60 .. ..	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
1958-59—										
April .. ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,623	10,578	10,644	51,860	73,082
May .. ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,790	13,324	8,821	40,920	63,065
June .. ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,726	11,965	10,412	46,971	69,348
1959-60—										
July .. ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	9,579	11,752	11,413	47,332	70,497
August .. ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,011	11,710	11,081	47,966	70,757
September ..	11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	9,766	12,402	9,575	41,804	63,781
October .. ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,058	15,389	10,690	47,730	73,809
November ..	12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	11,924	13,453	10,833	49,812	74,098
December ..	12,611	5,811	20,071	501	1,518	11,126	13,112	10,603	52,279	75,994
January .. ..	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	11,528	13,968	8,864	52,509	75,341
February ..	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	11,215	13,449	11,907	52,968	78,324
March .. ..	14,747	6,438	25,467	788	2,149	13,618	15,535	12,275	60,185	87,995
April .. ..	10,793	5,724	21,908	570	1,428	9,424	11,363	10,458	50,781	72,602
May .. ..	15,007	7,000	27,754	705	1,514	13,163	15,712	12,840	62,279	90,831
June .. ..	13,574	7,451	28,819	936	1,852	13,258	14,510	13,033	63,057	90,600
1960-61 p—										
July .. ..	15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	12,874	16,135	11,899	60,929	88,963
August .. ..	15,074	9,153	33,524	884	2,076	14,480	15,958	15,567	71,610	103,135
September ..	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	59,072	87,862
October .. ..	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	72,051	100,035
November ..	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	61,125	89,553
December ..	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,530	91,562
January .. ..	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,483	99,575
February ..	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,544	94,827
March .. ..	10,988	7,010	27,913	982	1,672	14,585	11,970	12,140	65,255	89,365
April .. ..	12,791	7,213	24,743	849	1,597	13,382	13,640	13,552	59,637	86,829
May .. ..	13,172	5,598	22,554	1,039	1,372	12,325	14,211	10,014	54,708	78,933
June .. ..										74,600

(a) See note (c) page 16.

(b) See note (a) page 17.

(c) See note (g) page 16.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods “simply transformed”, and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods “more elaborately transformed”. Class III. is about equally divided between goods “simply” and “more elaborately transformed.”

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Mer- chandise.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>										
1936-37 .. ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38 .. ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39 .. ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1953-54 .. ..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55 .. ..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56 .. ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57 .. ..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58 .. ..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59 .. ..	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60 .. ..	7,386	2,387	6,402	775	756	2,228	2,648	32,180	1,358	77,163
<b>Monthly Total—</b>										
<b>1958-59—</b>										
April .. ..	7,548	1,660	4,720	2,569	970	2,499	2,202	26,074	1,591	72,247
May .. ..	7,170	1,794	3,771	3,439	2,021	2,153	2,423	30,911	1,664	76,667
June .. ..	9,283	1,097	6,143	1,239	2,589	577	2,648	26,027	1,213	70,733
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July .. ..	7,374	1,637	5,478	228	1,857	r 898	2,977	27,132	717	66,476
August .. ..	11,872	1,200	6,675	254	1,427	r 3,009	3,164	15,595	1,421	63,925
September ..	8,256	2,082	6,619	48	1,243	1,726	3,331	22,494	838	68,790
October .. ..	7,913	2,886	4,388	214	1,308	4,213	2,801	35,780	1,700	83,701
November ..	7,591	5,040	6,912	128	225	2,866	2,496	39,035	2,094	87,059
December ..	7,844	4,147	5,943	104	156	514	2,893	49,478	1,623	96,105
January .. ..	6,142	4,130	6,134	46	68	2,320	1,903	33,518	747	73,045
February ..	5,683	2,602	9,652	216	97	1,657	2,356	35,358	1,531	79,115
March .. ..	5,268	1,875	8,401	1,210	222	2,630	2,359	39,369	1,670	87,949
April .. ..	5,125	818	5,157	2,443	625	2,859	2,096	29,620	458	70,168
May .. ..	6,284	r 1,046	4,550	2,840	770	2,104	2,705	28,446	1,858	71,362
June .. ..	9,279	r 1,182	6,861	1,563	1,068	1,934	2,727	30,327	1,635	78,264
<b>1960-61 p—</b>										
July .. ..	8,579	1,265	5,480	322	1,374	591	2,263	25,902	1,274	66,463
August .. ..	6,496	743	7,801	179	690	2,389	2,423	14,909	1,694	61,101
September ..	6,056	835	7,276	289	374	6,543	2,471	17,458	1,560	64,477
October .. ..	5,478	1,903	6,535	145	649	3,946	2,133	25,690	1,491	68,748
November ..	4,641	2,165	8,050	78	815	3,004	2,128	34,248	1,689	76,666
December ..	6,096	2,638	6,688	75	905	3,271	2,204	35,346	788	77,521
January .. ..	4,815	3,469	9,284	38	194	2,241	1,871	33,221	1,062	76,558
February ..	5,913	2,937	11,203	165	63	1,473	2,159	r28,943	1,616	79,703
March .. ..	6,386	1,554	15,484	856	148	3,033	2,348	32,731	1,501	86,837
April .. ..	4,359	724	14,137	2,609	627	2,431	1,853	28,747	1,140	81,620
May .. ..	6,020	517	15,561	3,519	1,251	2,427	2,767	29,004	881	93,186
June .. ..										97,600

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

## EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

### SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.	
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..
1936-37 ..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38 ..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39 ..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1952-53 ..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54 ..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55 ..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56 ..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57 ..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58 ..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59 ..	362	350	230	386	394	475	383	367	335	178	351	339
1959-60 ..	425	333	315	428	432	452	p348	302	365	178	p393	p378
1958-59—												
April ..	415	337	249	382	393	473	389	348	521	178	378	364
May ..	415	339	262	396	402	477	390	347	456	178	381	367
June ..	400	336	287	401	429	458	390	341	452	178	378	364
1959-60—												
July ..	(e) 407	332	312	402	439	437	390	327	464	178	384	370
August ..	445	340	336	418	411	461	367	324	461	178	406	390
September ..	430	331	350	420	376	438	362	309	440	178	396	380
October ..	430	330	359	431	388	440	361	307	395	178	398	382
November ..	422	333	367	437	374	458	360	304	312	178	395	380
December ..	437	333	367	436	411	458	359	307	334	178	405	389
January ..	437	333	355	435	444	455	329	300	345	178	405	389
February ..	415	331	310	427	459	448	332	293	346	178	389	374
March ..	415	331	276	432	465	458	335	279	345	178	386	371
April ..	430	333	248	438	475	454	338	283	322	178	391	376
May ..	415	332	248	437	463	461	327	286	316	178	382	368
June ..	415	337	255	426	479	453	p310	300	303	178	p384	p369
1960-61—												
July ..	392	335	269	422	477	447	p305	311	280	178	p373	p360
August ..	362	330	252	417	469	455	p318	311	274	178	p355	p342
September ..	366	338	235	412	460	466	p331	327	304	178	p356	p343
October ..	362	339	245	408	(f)	469	p333	338	308	179	p354	p342
November ..	377	339	239	409	(f)	450	p338	333	310	180	p358	p346
December ..	373	334	235	390	(f)	455	p342	317	302	179	p354	p341
January ..	377	330	225	376	(f)	447	p337	308	307	180	p350	p338
February ..	392	331	215	386	(f)	451	p336	317	300	178	p359	p346
March ..	400	333	208	391	(f)	450	p339	338	308	178	p364	p351
April ..	p430	337	210	393	(f)	462	p339	339	296	178	p381	p367
May ..	p430	p336	209	392	(f)	458	p345	325	283	178	p381	p366

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

## RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND "OTHER GROUPS".

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. "Wool" and "Other Groups" are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1948-49.. ..	365	305	332	1954-55 ..	538	342	431
1949-50.. ..	473	308	383	1955-56 ..	464	342	397
1950-51.. ..	999	365	654	1956-57 ..	578	331	444
1951-52.. ..	564	397	473	1957-58 ..	471	313	385
1952-53.. ..	616	371	483	1958-59 ..	362	320	339
1953-54.. ..	615	356	474	1959-60 ..	425	p339	p378

Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
	1955-56.			1956-57.			1957-58.		
July .. ..	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450
August .. ..	453	347	395	520	330	417	551	331	431
September ..	437	347	388	566	336	441	543	328	426
October .. ..	437	351	390	551	332	432	498	323	403
November ..	437	352	391	581	331	445	483	315	391
December ..	453	352	398	588	329	447	445	305	369
January .. ..	460	349	400	596	330	451	453	306	373
February ..	460	340	395	611	330	458	468	303	378
March .. ..	453	335	388	596	329	451	422	304	358
April .. ..	468	325	390	618	331	462	400	301	346
May .. ..	498	323	403	626	333	467	392	303	344
June .. ..	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452	400	306	348

	1958-59.			1959-60.			1960-61.		
July .. ..	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	338	370	392	p332	p360
August .. ..	354	310	330	445	345	390	362	p326	p342
September ..	354	312	332	430	339	380	366	p325	p343
October .. ..	336	318	326	430	343	382	362	p324	p342
November ..	339	323	330	422	344	380	377	p320	p346
December ..	328	324	326	437	349	389	373	p315	p341
January .. ..	321	325	323	437	349	389	377	p306	p338
February ..	339	318	328	415	340	374	392	pr307	p346
March .. ..	347	319	331	415	334	371	400	p310	p351
April .. ..	415	321	364	430	331	376	p430	p315	p367
May .. ..	415	327	367	415	329	368	p430	p313	p366
June .. ..	400	334	364	415	p331	p369			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The "changing weights" index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.			Month of May.		Eleven months ended May.	
			1960.	1961.	1960.	1961.
Excluding Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p98	100	p95
Including Wool .. ..	..	..	100	p102	100	p93

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355	339
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358	336
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375	348
1958-59—											
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368	343
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363	340
June ..	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364	340
1959-60—											
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366	342
August ..	388	230	417	330	411	422	346	343	281	371	345
September ..	388	223	405	330	414	425	345	339	276	369	342
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367	341
November ..	390	223	399	328	360	425	342	335	279	363	338
December ..	389	223	411	328	359	433	344	338	280	366	341
January ..	399	223	411	333	375	433	348	344	282	372	346
February ..	402	223	394	333	395	433	349	343	283	372	346
March ..	403	224	395	333	387	438	351	347	283	376	349
April ..	403	224	405	332	378	439	351	359	283	386	355
May ..	403	224	399	331	353	439	349	367	283	390	359
June ..	403	225	400	331	342	439	349	387	281	406	369
1960-61—											
July ..	403	225	384	329	349	439	349	390	280	409	371
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410	372
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407	370
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399	364
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390	357
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386	355
January ..	399	219	380	332	323	439	344	359	278	384	352
February ..	397	219	389	332	322	438	344	362	276	386	354
March ..	397	220	395	332	324	438	345	367	276	391	357
April ..	p397	221	p413	332	325	439	p346	371	277	p394	p360
May ..	p397	221	p413	332	318	439	p346	p365	277	p390	p356

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 435 for May, 1961.  
 (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For May, 1961, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 372; "Goods Principally Home Produced", 395; "Total All Groups", 360.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.



## PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g. -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, &c.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

### WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan. (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United Kingdom. (a) (1954=100)	United States of America.
<b>1953</b> .. ..	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>		<b>100</b>
1954 .. ..	99	98	98	98	99	99	101	<b>100</b>	100
1955 .. ..	103	99	98	101	98	100	104	103	101
1956 .. ..	106	102	102	103	102	104	105	107	104
1957 .. ..	107	103	108	105	105	105	107	107	107
1958 .. ..	105	103	121	106	98	108	107	101	108
1959 .. ..	106	104	126	105	99	110	107	102	108
1960 .. ..	112	104	130	107	101	110	109	102	109
<b>Quarter—</b>									
1960—March ..	108	104	130	106	101	110	108	103	109
June ..	113	105	130	106	100	110	108	102	109
September ..	116	104	128	107	101	110	109	101	108
December ..	112	104	131	108	102	111	110	101	109
1961—March ..	111	105	p134	108	(p)103	109		101	109
June ..	(b)112								

(a) Basic materials. Base: 1954=100.

(b) April–May.

### CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: Year 1953=100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France. (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
<b>1953</b> .. ..	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-100-</b>
1954 .. ..	101	101	100	100	106	105	102	102	100
1955 .. ..	103	101	101	102	-105-	-107-	105	106	100
1956 .. ..	109	102	103	105	106	111	107	-112-	102
1957 .. ..	112	106	-106-	106	109	113	110	116	105
1958 .. ..	113	108	121	-110-	108	118	-114-	119	108
1959 .. ..	116	110	129	111	110	123	115	120	109
1960 .. ..	120	111	134	113	114	124	117	121	111
<b>Quarter—</b>									
1960—March ..	117	110	133	114	112	123	116	120	111
June ..	119	110	133	113	113	123	117	121	110
September ..	121	111	134	113	115	124	117	121	110
December ..	122	112	136	113	115	125	117	122	111
1961—March ..	123	112	136	p114	(c)117	125	(c)118	123	111

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1953=100. See pages 24 and 25.  
New index linked to former index in 1958; former index included direct taxes.

(b) European families' expenditure.  
(c) January–February.

For meaning of symbols p, —, —, see page 1.

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. For current statistical purposes it replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index. An account of the new index is given in Statistical Bulletin S.B. 891 (of January 1961) entitled "A Description of the Consumer Price Index."

## GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Period.				Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups.
<b>Year ended June—</b>									
1951..	..	..	..	68.6	77.8	81.0	78.1	76.3	74.6
1952..	..	..	..	89.9	93.5	89.1	92.9	92.3	91.4
1953..	..	..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954..	..	..	..	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955..	..	..	..	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956..	..	..	..	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957..	..	..	..	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958..	..	..	..	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959..	..	..	..	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960..	..	..	..	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
<b>Quarter—</b>									
1954-55—	September	..	..	102.9	100.4	106.8	101.8	99.7	101.8
	December	..	..	103.3	100.9	108.0	101.7	99.5	102.2
	March	..	..	105.0	100.9	108.7	101.3	100.0	102.9
	June	..	..	106.1	101.9	110.1	100.6	100.4	103.6
1955-56—	September	..	..	107.9	101.9	111.3	100.7	101.3	104.5
	December	..	..	108.6	102.1	113.7	100.8	104.8	105.9
	March	..	..	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
	June	..	..	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
1956-57—	September	..	..	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
	December	..	..	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
	March	..	..	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
	June	..	..	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
1957-58—	September	..	..	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
	December	..	..	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
	March	..	..	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
	June	..	..	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
1958-59—	September	..	..	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
	December	..	..	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
	March	..	..	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
	June	..	..	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
1959-60—	September	..	..	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
	December	..	..	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
	March	..	..	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
	June	..	..	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
1960-61—	September	..	..	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
	December	..	..	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
	March	..	..	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 26. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State Capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

## ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
<b>Year ended June—</b>							
1951 .. ..	74.5	74.6	75.1	74.7	74.4	73.3	74.6
1952 .. ..	91.9	91.0	91.8	91.4	90.4	90.4	91.4
<b>1953 .. ..</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
1954 .. ..	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955 .. ..	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956 .. ..	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957 .. ..	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958 .. ..	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959 .. ..	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960 .. ..	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
<b>Quarter—</b>							
1954-55—September ..	101.4	101.3	101.8	102.8	104.7	104.2	101.8
December ..	102.0	101.5	102.4	102.8	104.4	104.1	102.2
March ..	102.6	102.2	103.3	103.6	105.0	105.2	102.9
June ..	103.0	103.1	103.9	104.7	106.6	105.9	103.6
1955-56—September ..	103.7	104.7	104.4	105.2	106.4	107.4	104.5
December ..	104.7	107.3	104.9	106.0	106.8	109.1	105.9
March ..	105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
1956-57—September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
1957-58—September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
1958-59—September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
1959-60—September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
1960-61—September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2

## SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales: Ordinary Shares.(a)							Queensland: Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	75 Companies (including 34 Miscellaneous).	34 Active shares included in foregoing. (d)		7 Industrials	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing)
1936-37 .. ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026		1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 .. ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011		1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 .. ..	999	933	841	965	969	963		980	989	984
1954-55 .. ..	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598		1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56 .. ..	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649		1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57 .. ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653		1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58 .. ..	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803		1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59 .. ..	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978		1,950	1,452	1,722
1959-60 .. ..	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743		(c)	(c)	(c)
1958-59—										
April .. ..	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062		1,941	1,428	1,706
May .. ..	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145		1,974	1,448	1,733
June .. ..	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209		2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—										
July .. ..	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349		(c)	(c)	(c)
August .. ..	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482				
September ..	3,042	2,562	2,345	3,886	2,560	2,613				
October .. ..	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713				
November ..	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667				
December ..	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662				
January .. ..	3,302	2,880	2,351	4,230	2,813	2,821				
February ..	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904				
March .. ..	3,247	2,797	2,637	4,467	2,825	2,828				
April .. ..	3,359	2,814	2,683	4,528	2,878	2,884				
May .. ..	3,434	2,932	2,686	4,596	2,964	2,967				
June .. ..	3,509	3,032	2,708	4,836	3,029	3,031				
1960-61—										
July .. ..	3,488	2,965	2,552	4,891	3,029	3,025				
August .. ..	3,512	2,995	2,486	5,012	3,056	3,061				
September ..	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117				
October .. ..	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994				
November ..	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740				
December ..	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662				
January .. ..	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716				
February ..	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766				
March .. ..	3,085	2,731	1,919	4,747	2,631	2,745				
April .. ..	3,102	2,730	1,871	4,749	2,665	2,754				
May .. ..	3,117	2,759	1,898	4,899	2,682	2,794				

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

# WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)							
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
30th June—							
1939 .. ..	99 10	97 3	96 10	94 4	100 3	91 9	98 0
1951 .. ..	223 0	217 9	209 3	211 5	218 7	212 2	218 0
1952 .. ..	267 1	254 7	250 5	252 7	260 5	255 4	259 2
1953 .. ..	284 10	274 7	260 1	270 6	279 6	280 2	276 9
1954 .. ..	287 8	278 8	269 7	273 7	283 9	283 9	281 0
1955 .. ..	298 2	290 7	278 1	284 4	292 5	292 0	291 6
1956 .. ..	311 10	305 9	292 2	295 10	305 3	311 11	305 7
1957 .. ..	324 0	315 9	302 10	306 5	317 9	319 0	316 8
1958 .. ..	329 7	319 1	310 9	312 0	319 6	322 11	321 7
1959—							
31st March .. ..	330 6	320 2	321 1	312 8	324 0	324 7	324 1
30th April .. ..	330 6	320 3	323 10	312 8	325 5	324 8	324 7
31st May .. ..	331 1	320 4	323 10	312 10	325 5	325 3	324 10
30th June .. ..	338 2	330 7	326 10	327 11	327 2	333 3	332 8
31st July .. ..	338 3	334 0	327 3	328 0	330 2	336 10	334 1
31st August .. ..	338 10	334 1	327 4	328 0	330 3	336 9	334 4
30th September .. ..	338 10	334 1	327 6	328 0	330 3	336 10	334 4
31st October .. ..	339 1	334 4	331 1	328 3	333 1	338 7	335 3
30th November .. ..	340 1	334 4	331 1	328 3	333 2	339 5	335 8
31st December .. ..	350 1	344 0	334 4	339 10	340 9	347 0	344 7
1960—							
31st January .. ..	351 0	346 3	335 5	340 9	342 7	347 2	345 11
29th February .. ..	353 4	349 0	337 1	341 0	343 11	347 10	348 0
31st March .. ..	354 6	349 0	338 11	341 3	345 2	347 11	348 10
30th April .. ..	354 6	349 1	339 8	341 5	345 6	348 8	349 0
31st May .. ..	r355 10	349 1	343 5	341 8	350 4	349 3	r350 5
30th June .. ..	r356 0	349 3	344 6	341 8	350 4	349 7	r350 8
31st July .. ..	r356 1	349 4	344 9	341 9	355 8	349 7	r351 2
31st August .. ..	r358 0	349 6	346 7	341 9	355 9	351 1	r352 3
30th September .. ..	r357 11	349 6	346 8	341 9	355 10	351 2	r352 3
31st October .. ..	r358 0	349 7	349 7	341 9	357 11	351 3	r352 10
30th November .. ..	r361 8	349 8	350 5	341 10	357 11	351 6	r354 5
31st December .. ..	r361 9	349 8	350 8	341 11	358 1	351 10	r354 6
1961—							
31st January .. ..	r362 2	349 9	353 11	341 11	359 11	352 5	r355 3
28th February .. ..	r364 0	349 10	353 11	342 0	359 11	352 5	r356 1
31st March .. ..	r363 11	349 10	353 11	342 1	359 11	352 6	r356 0
30th April .. ..	363 11	349 10	354 1	342 1	360 0	352 6	356 1

## WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

30th April, 1961 ..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.



# WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES, AUSTRALIA.(a)

## COMPONENTS OF TOTAL WAGE RATE.

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)						State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.					
	Basic Wage.(d)		Margin. (e)	Load- ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.		Margin. (e)	Load- ing.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.		Margin. (e)	Load- ing.(f)	Total Wage.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
30th June—																
1939 ..	79	8	17	2	0	3	97	1	81	3	17	2	0	5	98	0
1951 ..	176	9	36	3	4	8	217	8	176	2	35	10	6	3	218	0
1952 ..	216	3	38	6	3	8	258	5	216	8	37	5	5	10	259	2
1953 ..	234	9	39	0	3	4	277	1	233	7	38	11	4	0	276	9
1954 ..	237	4	39	2	3	4	279	10	237	9	40	0	4	6	282	3
1955 ..	237	4	52	1	2	4	291	9	237	8	48	9	4	9	291	2
1956 ..	248	6	53	0	2	4	303	10	250	7	51	6	5	7	307	8
1957 ..	258	4	54	3	2	5	315	0	259	9	53	3	5	4	318	4
1958 ..	263	0	54	5	2	6	319	11	264	5	54	8	4	2	323	3
1959—																
31st March	263	2	54	11	2	6	320	7	268	2	55	2	4	5	327	9
30th April..	263	2	54	11	2	6	320	7	269	0	55	3	4	6	328	9
31st May ..	263	3	54	11	2	6	320	8	269	5	55	4	4	5	329	2
30th June ..	277	1	55	0	2	7	334	8	270	8	55	5	4	5	330	6
31st July ..	277	1	55	0	2	7	334	8	273	3	55	6	4	7	333	4
31st Aug. ..	277	1	55	1	2	7	334	9	273	8	55	7	4	7	333	10
30th Sept. .	277	1	55	1	2	7	334	9	273	7	55	8	4	7	333	10
31st Oct. ..	277	1	55	4	2	10	335	3	274	11	55	10	4	7	335	4
30th Nov. .	277	2	55	4	2	10	335	4	275	8	55	10	4	7	336	1
31st Dec. ..	277	2	69	0	3	0	349	2	275	8	59	5	4	8	339	9
1960—																
31st Jan. ..	277	2	69	5	3	2	349	9	275	8	61	2	5	1	341	11
29th Feb. .	277	3	69	6	3	2	349	11	277	8	63	3	5	0	345	11
31st March	277	3	69	6	3	2	349	11	277	8	64	11	5	1	347	8
30th April..	277	3	69	7	3	2	350	0	277	8	65	3	5	1	348	0
31st May ..	r277	5	69	7	3	2	r350	2	279	5	66	3	5	1	350	9
30th June ..	r277	5	69	7	3	2	r350	2	279	5	66	9	5	1	351	3
31st July ..	r277	5	69	7	3	2	r350	2	280	2	66	11	5	1	352	2
31st Aug. ..	r277	9	69	8	3	2	r350	7	281	10	67	0	5	1	353	11
30th Sept. .	r277	9	69	8	3	2	r350	7	281	10	67	0	5	1	353	11
31st Oct. ..	r277	9	69	9	3	2	r350	8	282	10	67	2	5	1	355	1
30th Nov. .	r278	2	69	10	3	2	r351	2	285	1	67	5	5	4	357	10
31st Dec. ..	r278	2	69	10	3	2	r351	2	285	1	67	8	5	3	358	0
1961—																
31st Jan. ..	r278	2	69	10	3	2	r351	2	286	4	68	0	5	4	359	8
28th Feb. .	r278	5	69	10	3	2	r351	5	287	5	68	1	5	4	360	10
31st March	r278	5	69	10	3	2	r351	5	287	5	68	1	5	3	360	9
30th April..	278	5	69	10	3	2	351	5	287	5	68	2	5	3	360	10

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 29. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals.
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## COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).(a)

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
1939—September ..	81	0	81	0	76	0	78	0	77	0	77	0	79	0
1947—November ..	112	0	109	0	105	0	106	0	106	0	107	0	109	0
1948—November ..	122	0	120	0	115	0	116	0	116	0	118	0	119	0
1949—November ..	132	0	130	0	125	0	126	0	129	0	128	0	129	0
1950—November ..	146	0	143	0	135	0	137	0	139	0	139	0	142	0
December ..	165	0	162	0	154	0	158	0	160	0	160	0	162	0
1951—November ..	207	0	199	0	185	0	195	0	197	0	199	0	200	0
1952—November ..	237	0	228	0	216	0	229	0	228	0	230	0	231	0
1953—February ..	238	0	229	0	215	0	225	0	229	0	232	0	231	0
May ..	241	0	232	0	217	0	228	0	231	0	239	0	234	0
August(b)	243	0	235	0	218	0	231	0	236	0	242	0	236	0
1956—June(c)	253	0	245	0	228	0	241	0	246	0	252	0	246	0
1957—May(d)	263	0	255	0	238	0	251	0	256	0	262	0	256	0
1958—May(e)	268	0	260	0	243	0	256	0	261	0	267	0	261	0
1959—June(f) ..	283	0	275	0	258	0	271	0	276	0	282	0	276	0
1961—July(g)	295	0	287	0	270	0	283	0	288	0	294	0	288	0

## STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(j)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	
1956—March ..	255	0	(h)251	0	229	0	231	0	253	8	(h)259	0	..
June ..	256	0	(h)256	0	233	0	(l)241	0	257	1	(h)268	0	..
September ..	263	0	(h)263	0	237	0	241	0	261	6	(h)272	0	..
December ..	274	0	m 263	0	241	0	241	0	265	2	m 272	0	..
1957—March ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	241	0	266	3	272	0	..
June ..	268	0	263	0	239	0	n 251	0	268	10	272	0	..
September ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0	..
December ..	270	0	263	0	241	0	251	0	272	9	272	0	..
1958—March ..	269	0	263	0	244	0	251	0	268	6	272	0	..
June ..	274	0	263	0	248	0	o 256	0	268	6	272	0	..
September ..	274	0	263	0	254	0	256	0	272	3	272	0	..
December ..	273	0	263	0	256	0	256	0	273	5	272	0	..
1959—March ..	275	0	263	0	260	0	256	0	273	5	272	0	..
June ..	276	0	(p)275	0	263	0	(q)271	0	275	1	272	0	..
September ..	277	0	275	0	263	0	271	0	278	7	(r)282	0	..
December ..	279	0	275	0	267	0	271	0	281	6	282	0	..
1960—March ..	283	0	275	0	269	0	271	0	281	6	282	0	..
June ..	285	0	275	0	271	0	271	0	286	4	282	0	..
September ..	288	0	275	0	273	0	271	0	292	3	282	0	..
December ..	294	0	275	0	276	0	271	0	294	7	282	0	..
1961—													
March ..	297	0	275	0	280	0	271	0	296	7	282	0	..
May ..	(s)299	0	275	0	(t)284	0	271	0	u 299	3	282	0	..

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown (to August, 1953). (b) Automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued in Commonwealth awards as from 12th September, 1953. Subsequent adjustments made as a result of Basic Wage Inquiries; rates payable (from the beginning of the first pay-period) as follows:—(c) In June, 1956. (d) Commencing on or after 15th May, 1957. (e) Commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (f) Commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (g) Commencing on or after 7th July, 1961. (h) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. (i) To March, 1961 rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (j) Basic wage variations, if any, announced each quarter by the State industrial tribunal, after considering movements in retail price index numbers. (k) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (l) 4th June. (m) Automatic adjustments discontinued. (n) 20th May. (o) 26th May. (p) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (q) 15th June. (r) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. (s) Payable from beginning of first pay-period in May. (t) 29th May. (u) 1st May.

## AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES AND SALARIES PAID (£'000.).							
1953-54 .. ..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55 .. ..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56 .. ..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57 .. ..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58 .. ..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59 .. ..	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60 .. ..	24,816	18,123	7,441	5,392	3,618	1,878	61,268
1958-59—							
March Quarter ..	21,185	15,377	6,501	4,599	3,122	1,666	52,450
June „ ..	22,740	16,787	7,010	4,930	3,381	1,790	56,638
1959-60—							
September „ ..	23,555	17,389	7,438	5,248	3,533	1,768	58,931
December „ ..	25,476	18,451	7,625	5,423	3,688	1,887	62,550
March „ ..	23,878	17,658	7,086	5,288	3,487	1,842	59,239
June „ ..	26,356	18,994	7,614	5,609	3,764	2,016	64,353
1960-61—							
September „ ..	26,326	19,020	7,981	5,652	3,879	1,873	64,731
December „ ..	28,332	20,207	8,202	5,876	4,005	1,984	68,606
March „ ..	25,722	18,514	7,312	5,503	3,697	1,928	62,676
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d).							
1953-54 .. ..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55 .. ..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56 .. ..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57 .. ..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58 .. ..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59 .. ..	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60 .. ..	22.77	22.28	19.89	20.61	19.46	20.71	21.76
1958-59—							
March Quarter ..	19.88	19.44	17.50	18.14	16.95	18.53	19.03
June „ ..	21.32	20.97	18.78	19.20	18.33	19.96	20.44
1959-60—							
September „ ..	21.98	21.60	19.78	20.31	19.14	19.84	21.16
December „ ..	23.47	22.68	20.48	20.82	19.87	20.91	22.28
March „ ..	21.78	21.52	19.08	20.09	18.73	20.10	20.94
June „ ..	23.84	23.30	20.23	21.22	20.11	21.98	22.66
1960-61—							
September „ ..	23.65	23.25	21.05	21.35	20.58	20.62	22.68
December „ ..	25.16	24.44	21.90	22.11	21.11	21.68	23.87
March „ ..	22.87	22.32	19.78	20.70	19.58	20.90	21.83

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(d) Total wages and salaries, etc., divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. As it is not possible to estimate the ratio of female to male earnings in the several States, the same ratio has been used for each State. Because the actual ratio may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

# BUILDING APPROVALS (a) : AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 31 to 33 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private" and gives slightly wider coverage.

Period.	New Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.(b)		Total.
	Private.(c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private.(c)	Government.(c)	Private.(c)	Government.(c)	
	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Value.	Value.	Value.		
		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—											
1953–54 (e)	5,392	13,588	1,372	3,070	6,764	16,658	4,606	2,113	3,251	407	27,035
1954–55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955–56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956–57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957–58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958–59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959–60 ..	7,587	23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	26,612	11,251	5,673	5,827	947	50,310
Monthly Total—											
1958–59—											
April ..	6,867	20,863	1,229	3,232	8,096	24,095	10,487	7,339	5,290	760	47,971
May ..	6,051	18,321	1,490	4,190	7,541	22,511	10,048	3,740	6,472	754	43,525
June ..	6,646	21,053	1,657	4,736	8,303	25,789	9,628	8,333	5,606	1,016	50,372
1959–60—											
July ..	7,225	21,959	1,143	3,156	8,368	25,115	10,253	4,264	5,448	982	46,062
August ..	7,072	22,013	803	2,294	7,875	24,307	10,929	3,539	5,530	1,066	45,371
September ..	7,550	23,336	879	2,255	8,429	25,591	10,727	9,345	5,900	2,067	53,630
October ..	7,403	22,339	1,548	4,333	8,951	26,672	18,012	6,332	5,600	881	57,497
November ..	7,753	23,811	1,225	3,519	8,978	27,330	11,851	5,761	5,570	843	51,355
December ..	6,135	18,429	1,257	3,721	7,392	22,150	8,083	6,097	6,052	984	43,366
January ..	5,806	18,138	777	2,129	6,583	20,267	8,377	2,328	4,805	528	36,305
February ..	7,260	22,438	1,153	3,312	8,413	25,750	7,689	4,512	4,956	602	43,509
March ..	9,725	29,968	1,092	3,078	10,817	33,046	11,568	6,588	7,574	1,166	59,942
April ..	7,314	22,540	704	1,878	8,018	24,418	8,913	7,542	5,829	693	47,395
May ..	9,541	30,620	863	2,647	10,404	33,267	14,970	4,853	6,685	808	60,583
June ..	8,256	27,382	1,343	4,046	9,599	31,428	13,642	6,914	5,978	737	58,699
1960–61—											
July ..	8,106	26,112	1,285	3,185	9,391	29,297	12,668	9,698	6,519	693	58,875
August ..	9,170	30,494	1,226	3,326	10,396	33,820	13,448	4,385	6,568	900	59,121
September ..	8,448	26,972	972	2,821	9,420	29,793	12,631	11,846	6,424	577	61,271
October ..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November ..	7,376	23,904	1,286	3,531	8,662	27,435	20,306	6,983	6,096	525	61,345
December ..	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	4,651	4,987	479	44,242
January ..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	2,468	4,781	919	34,560
February ..	5,084	16,936	872	2,547	5,956	19,483	11,526	3,467	5,607	1,251	41,334
March ..	5,107	17,172	1,234	3,067	6,341	20,239	9,772	7,033	5,766	774	43,584
April ..	4,552	15,422	819	2,288	5,371	17,710	6,459	3,391	4,890	759	33,209
May ..	5,850	19,667	1,316	3,815	7,166	23,482	15,710	7,400	5,855	604	53,051

(a) Includes building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings.

(c) Building is classified as "Private" or "Government" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units. (e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# BUILDING APPROVALS.

## VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.(b)	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1953-54 .. ..	10,139	8,145	3,022	2,099	2,700	930	n.a.	n.a.	(c) 27,035
1954-55 .. ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955-56 .. ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956-57 .. ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957-58 .. ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958-59 .. ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959-60 .. ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
<b>1958-59—</b>									
April .. ..	19,058	14,064	4,727	4,536	2,725	1,279	310	1,272	47,971
May .. ..	16,819	12,851	5,098	4,609	1,965	1,438	129	616	43,525
June .. ..	18,316	13,270	6,003	4,902	2,631	1,192	485	3,573	50,372
<b>1959-60—</b>									
July .. ..	16,658	14,568	5,435	3,820	2,722	1,452	298	1,109	46,062
August .. ..	17,037	13,229	5,841	3,748	2,164	1,640	129	1,583	45,371
September ..	21,876	15,923	5,258	4,427	3,370	1,390	553	833	53,630
October .. ..	24,549	14,682	5,212	7,364	2,952	1,771	311	656	57,497
November ..	16,580	18,480	5,457	4,129	2,381	2,863	154	1,311	51,355
December ..	17,008	11,483	4,953	3,092	2,424	1,939	135	2,332	43,366
January .. ..	13,711	10,262	4,540	4,092	2,012	857	244	587	36,305
February ..	16,294	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March .. ..	24,702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,942
April .. ..	20,194	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,395
May .. ..	25,758	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June .. ..	19,486	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
<b>1960-61—</b>									
July .. ..	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August .. ..	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,747	174	4,806	61,271
October .. ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	44,242
January .. ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	34,560
February ..	16,948	9,910	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,013	428	361	41,334
March .. ..	15,850	12,022	5,226	5,567	2,996	1,071	221	631	43,584
April .. ..	12,377	8,907	4,849	2,470	2,442	1,287	476	401	33,209
May .. ..	19,053	12,872	9,421	5,644	3,128	1,331	249	1,353	53,051

(a) See note (a) page 31.

(b) From June quarter, 1954 includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected.

(c) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.



# BUILDING APPROVALS.

## NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1953-54 .. ..	2,554	1,820	926	512	734	218	n.a.	n.a.	(b) 6,764
1954-55 .. ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955-56 .. ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956-57 .. ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957-58 .. ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958-59 .. ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959-60 .. ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1958-59—									
April .. ..	2,818	2,367	988	949	502	243	61	168	8,096
May .. ..	3,051	1,878	1,030	808	470	197	19	88	7,541
June .. ..	3,048	2,243	1,147	1,004	453	177	30	201	8,303
1959-60—									
July .. ..	3,304	2,332	1,039	582	584	250	28	249	8,368
August .. ..	3,098	2,175	968	787	510	210	23	104	7,875
September ..	3,605	2,376	905	691	523	237	22	70	8,429
October .. ..	3,215	2,559	1,093	1,143	526	246	51	118	8,951
November ..	3,716	2,377	1,101	825	505	252	33	169	8,978
December ..	3,069	1,929	959	453	521	198	30	233	7,392
January .. ..	2,591	1,845	834	591	457	169	36	60	6,583
February ..	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March .. ..	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	42	123	10,817
April .. ..	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May .. ..	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June .. ..	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
1960-61—									
July .. ..	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August .. ..	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	19	167	10,396
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	238	12	268	9,420
October .. ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	9	276	8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January .. ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	164	74	27	5,956
March .. ..	2,667	1,495	834	671	407	179	21	67	6,341
April .. ..	2,205	1,240	869	391	440	147	49	30	5,371
May .. ..	2,928	1,693	1,177	466	498	192	34	178	7,166

(a) See note (a) page 31.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1954-55 .. ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56 .. ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57 .. ..	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58 .. ..	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59 .. ..	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60 .. ..	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1958-59—									
Dec. Qtr. ..	57,096	33,462	90,558	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,920	338,697
Mar. „ ..	63,683	41,496	105,179	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June „ ..	66,043	53,583	119,626	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. „ ..	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. „ ..	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June „ ..	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	r86,205	67,041	r153,246	r78,641	r52,258	r130,899	179,696	r242,527	r422,223
Dec. „ ..	r81,331	67,965	r149,296	r85,532	r63,147	r148,679	176,479	r251,249	r427,728
Mar. „ ..	67,307	57,911	125,218	73,790	63,747	137,537	171,406	246,652	418,058

## VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
<b>Quarterly Average—</b>									
1954-55 .. ..	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56 .. ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57 .. ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58 .. ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59 .. ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959-60 .. ..	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
<b>Quarterly Total—</b>									
1958-59—									
Dec. Qtr. ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526
Mar. „ ..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169	101,650
June „ ..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959-60—									
Sept. „ ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. „ ..	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. „ ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June „ ..	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960-61—									
Sept. „ ..	r46,364	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	r2,932	r130,899
Dec. „ ..	r53,334	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	r3,624	r148,679
Mar. „ ..	54,369	40,196	14,976	12,373	8,479	3,894	729	2,521	137,537

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1954-55 .. ..	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955-56 .. ..	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956-57 .. ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957-58 .. ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958-59 .. ..	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
1959-60 .. ..	8,453	6,680	2,570	2,431	1,566	635	107	394	22,836
Quarterly Total—									
1958-59—Mar. Qtr.	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June ..	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	20,958
1959-60—Sept. ..	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
Dec. ..	7,858	6,649	2,453	2,356	1,358	674	125	427	21,900
Mar. ..	7,950	6,718	2,560	2,564	1,707	582	104	384	22,569
June ..	9,749	7,255	2,787	2,363	1,674	665	114	350	24,957
1960-61—Sept. ..	9,635	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,638
Dec. ..	9,403	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	23,926
Mar. ..	8,571	4,484	2,626	2,181	1,339	583	95	257	r20,136
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1954-55 .. ..	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955-56 .. ..	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956-57 .. ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957-58 .. ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958-59 .. ..	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959-60 .. ..	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
Quarterly Total—									
1958-59—Mar. Qtr.	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June ..	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,829
1959-60—Sept. ..	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
Dec. ..	8,071	7,119	2,648	2,570	1,615	638	95	407	23,163
Mar. ..	7,983	5,901	2,307	2,337	1,367	652	92	313	20,952
June ..	9,054	6,928	2,544	2,363	1,665	726	79	404	23,763
1960-61—Sept. ..	8,589	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	24,034
Dec. ..	9,427	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	26,045
Mar. ..	9,502	5,571	2,320	2,231	1,496	552	80	287	r22,039
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1954-55 .. ..	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955-56 .. ..	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956-57 .. ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957-58 .. ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958-59 .. ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60 .. ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1958-59—Mar. Qtr. ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959-60—Sept. .. ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932
Dec. ..	17,842	17,265	3,220	5,522	3,180	2,088	215	1,337	50,669
Mar. ..	17,806	18,082	3,473	5,749	3,520	2,018	227	1,408	52,283
June ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960-61—Sept. .. ..	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	52,962
Mar. ..	18,592	16,715	3,521	5,489	3,288	1,833	236	1,383	r51,057

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Production). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under-ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas-works.	Total Electricity Generated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons. (f)	'000 tons. (f)	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,372	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	8,691	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.3	253.1	9,416	21,352	2,987
1958-59 ..	1,555	150	1,705	1,020	91.7	4,055	1,761	191.1	267.0	9,559	19,912	3,772
1959-60 ..	1,612	155	1,767	1,175	90.6	r4,133	p1,945	221.3	293.3	9,816	19,776	5,404
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1958-59—												
April ..	1,583	138	1,721	1,024	82.8	3,769	1,731	192.6	266.2	9,350	19,851	3,751
May ..	1,559	131	1,690	1,130	82.0	4,453	1,893	206.9	288.2	9,944	18,919	4,280
June ..	1,658	143	1,801	1,188	100.1	4,864	1,987	r231.2	293.1	9,724	20,458	4,011
1959-60—						r	p					
July ..	1,760	149	1,909	1,262	90.4	5,006	2,121	210.5	292.1	9,988	18,872	3,928
August ..	1,651	161	1,812	1,209	86.9	4,865	2,032	212.4	286.3	10,081	20,074	3,874
September ..	1,748	165	1,913	1,150	93.6	4,380	1,930	208.0	278.3	9,806	20,046	5,620
October ..	1,721	151	1,872	1,185	94.6	4,275	1,941	257.1	307.9	10,119	17,658	6,694
November ..	1,685	158	1,843	1,145	97.6	3,743	1,840	207.0	298.4	9,734	20,053	5,678
December ..	1,139	131	1,270	1,035	98.5	3,530	1,781	213.0	296.7	10,092	19,797	4,046
January ..	1,187	107	1,294	1,062	79.3	3,242	1,735	215.1	285.2	9,840	21,708	4,186
February ..	1,579	132	1,711	1,124	80.6	3,308	1,766	194.5	275.2	9,245	20,700	6,187
March ..	1,815	165	1,980	1,169	93.4	3,628	1,937	219.4	297.4	9,942	19,697	5,637
April ..	1,515	148	1,663	1,130	94.2	3,776	1,872	239.2	294.4	9,707	18,881	6,241
May ..	1,781	188	1,969	1,293	81.4	4,736	2,177	247.8	314.7	10,054	19,465	6,428
June ..	1,763	210	1,973	1,337	97.0	5,104	2,212	248.5	305.1	9,184	20,360	6,327
1960-61 p—												
July ..	1,756	218	1,974	1,397	90.3	5,353	2,312	239.3	309.3	10,500	21,661	4,569
August ..	1,988	224	2,212	1,417	90.1	5,215	2,303	251.9	332.2	10,366	20,321	6,534
September ..	1,854	205	2,059	r1,333	94.5	4,583	2,121	243.2	309.7	9,974	20,255	5,507
October ..	r1,772	r199	r1,971	1,299	r96.5	4,266	2,081	255.6	315.2	10,460	19,911	6,240
November ..	r1,874	r206	r2,080	1,239	r90.6	3,993	2,030	249.0	312.6	10,287	18,649	7,225
December ..	r1,515	r160	r1,675	1,167	r98.4	3,639	1,946	278.5	336.3	10,680	20,918	5,594
January ..	849	128	977	1,203	82.5	3,254	r1,873	235.4	256.5	10,632	19,572	5,160
February ..	1,774	173	1,947	1,204	84.0	3,210	r1,859	233.2	281.6	9,859	18,176	5,179
March ..	1,960	199	2,159	1,259	82.8	3,651	2,048	263.5	325.3	11,057	17,480	5,937
April ..	2,245	167	2,412	1,269	97.0	3,793	1,957	241.4	320.8	10,875	17,284	5,646
May ..						4,760	2,277	272.0	332.3	11,352		

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Includes recovery from scrap. (c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (d) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export. (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster.	Solid Fuel.(b)	Gas.(b)	Electric. (c)	
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.								
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Monthly Average—											
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e)1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	122.4	190.9	1,507	3,602	4,663	4,588	16,327
1958-59 ..	78.4	4,936	4,355	2,241	128.8	206.8	1,528	3,288	5,531	5,315	18,316
1959-60 ..	r85.9	r4,739	r4,584	r2,522	r125.5	r220.3	r1,552	r3,071	r6,390	r6,037	r19,941
Monthly Total—											
1958-59—											
April ..	83.2	4,949	4,814	2,313	120.2	218.4	1,651	3,051	5,782	6,356	12,458
May ..	84.2	5,196	4,723	2,604	133.9	232.4	1,593	2,716	4,521	5,854	12,669
June ..	84.3	4,878	4,571	2,359	138.8	212.7	1,576	3,193	4,135	5,541	14,273
1959-60—	r	r	r	r	p	r	r	r	r	r	r
July ..	88.4	5,355	4,668	2,740	135.2	223.5	1,664	3,745	6,581	5,733	19,999
August ..	85.7	4,853	4,851	2,662	129.5	229.2	1,588	3,438	7,094	5,389	19,052
September	93.5	5,309	4,847	2,656	134.1	225.8	1,617	3,350	7,980	6,483	25,572
October..	90.5	4,882	4,821	2,772	r135.9	226.7	1,605	3,345	7,363	6,315	30,768
November	84.6	4,599	4,857	2,789	r133.6	224.6	1,618	3,138	7,114	6,783	26,872
December	78.5	4,255	4,079	2,405	r118.4	218.2	1,359	3,070	6,682	6,628	25,413
January..	56.9	3,159	2,980	1,444	r94.5	170.8	1,104	1,871	3,775	3,573	16,836
February	85.7	4,674	4,239	2,601	r116.1	211.6	1,594	2,856	6,479	6,110	17,760
March ..	99.2	5,187	5,161	2,554	r129.4	228.3	1,754	3,095	6,757	7,610	17,343
April ..	81.9	4,556	4,370	2,405	r114.2	221.1	1,470	2,659	5,241	5,809	10,209
May ..	94.8	4,862	5,263	2,647	r128.5	230.6	1,626	3,084	5,953	6,596	13,007
June ..	91.5	5,182	4,871	2,593	r137.0	233.6	1,621	3,204	5,657	5,416	16,466
1960-61 p—											
July ..	91.2	4,556	5,204	2,657	127.5	243.3	1,577	3,699	6,207	5,412	16,990
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,549	2,817	133.2	244.8	1,695	3,969	8,730	7,681	24,371
September	97.9	4,844	5,369	2,790	r144.5	253.2	1,640	3,457	7,749	7,198	30,324
October..	96.0	4,723	5,410	2,894	135.4	252.9	1,598	2,818	7,291	6,998	28,777
November	102.1	5,601	5,512	2,818	133.3	246.7	1,542	3,064	7,569	8,342	33,657
December	78.9	3,863	4,202	1,911	111.2	218.3	1,310	2,166	6,154	6,009	21,208
January..	65.1	2,917	3,453	1,532	r85.0	193.1	1,087	1,338	4,130	4,494	11,824
February	85.0	4,807	4,123	2,421	101.6	228.8	1,351	1,706	6,250	5,738	10,248
March ..	91.6	4,840	3,964	2,128	107.6	255.5	1,365	2,292	5,653	5,119	9,734
April ..	75.5	4,241	3,353	1,954	92.9	230.6	1,198	2,008	4,633	4,428	7,021
May ..	93.1	5,419	4,251			251.1		2,562	4,874	4,782	8,788

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

(f) Source: Forestry and Timber Bureau and State Forests Commission of Victoria from July, 1959.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.



# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>							
1936-37 .. ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38 .. ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39 .. ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1953-54 .. ..	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954-55 .. ..	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955-56 .. ..	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956-57 .. ..	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957-58 .. ..	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958-59 .. ..	3,607	3,522	1,376	13.1	3.38	2.27	2,005
1959-60 .. ..	r3,849	r3,588	r1,378	r14.6	r4.24	r2.52	
<b>Monthly Total—</b>							
1958-59—							
April .. ..	4,236	3,968	1,527	14.7	4.19	2.57	1,992
May .. ..	3,687	3,421	1,366	15.5	4.07	2.38	1,905
June .. ..	3,802	3,592	1,592	16.2	4.18	2.32	2,056
1959-60—							
July .. ..	r 4,142	r 3,725	r 1,414	r 16.3	r 4.28	r 2.34	
August .. ..	3,676	3,582	1,313	13.6	3.87	2.25	
September ..	4,103	3,643	1,558	14.8	4.50	2.65	
October .. ..	3,618	3,363	1,386	14.4	4.52	2.77	
November ..	3,756	3,483	1,482	15.3	4.38	2.86	
December ..	3,159	2,891	1,212	13.6	3.70	2.37	
January .. ..	2,926	3,012	987	12.5	2.97	1.84	
February ..	3,721	3,460	1,302	14.2	4.21	2.68	
March .. ..	4,228	3,897	1,296	16.1	4.90	3.08	
April .. ..	3,822	3,605	1,240	12.9	4.02	2.28	
May .. ..	4,264	3,935	1,451	15.5	4.64	2.50	
June .. ..	4,774	4,465	1,897	16.3	4.86	2.56	
1960-61 p—							
July .. ..	4,316	4,194	1,626	14.0	4.24	2.29	r2,071
August .. ..	4,718	4,448	1,652	13.5	4.96	2.70	2,493
September ..	4,286	4,165	1,569	12.1	4.63	2.55	2,446
October .. ..	4,106	4,013	1,733	13.4	4.50	2.51	2,336
November ..	4,455	4,308	1,850	14.5	r5.17	2.94	2,462
December ..	2,994	3,120	1,519	12.8	r3.44	1.92	1,673
January .. ..	2,953	3,298	1,426	10.6	2.96	1.65	1,219
February ..	3,485	r3,795	1,672	13.6	r4.06	2.33	1,790
March .. ..	3,710	3,742	r1,628	13.4	4.13	2.35	2,068
April .. ..	2,723	3,075	1,599	11.3	3.18	1.73	r1,652
May .. ..	2,932	3,273	1,612		3.79	1.85	1,979

(a) Includes Infants' Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—*continued.*

Period.	Hosiery.(a)					Underwear.(b)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (c)	Women's.		Children's.	Infants' and Baby Wear.(e)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
		Full length (Fully Fash. and Circular) (d)	Other.					
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—								
1936-37 .. ..	83.1	157.1		49.1		191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38 .. ..	86.7	183.7		52.0		227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39 .. ..	91.9	178.0		51.0		229.2		(f)56.2
1953-54 .. ..	157.9	179.1	(g) 101.2	{ (h) }	{ (i) }	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55 .. ..	138.7	201.8	(g) 93.9			119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56 .. ..	130.0	192.0	(g) 88.6			130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 .. ..	120.9	214.2	22.9	67.1	9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8
1957-58 .. ..	122.7	184.8	25.0	60.3	8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5
1958-59 .. ..	109.2	204.8	18.9	62.2	7.9	154.5	247.5	134.5
1959-60 .. ..	r129.7	r212.1	r22.0	r65.9	11.4	p156.2	p261.6	p153.0
Monthly Total—								
1958-59—								
April .. ..	119.7	214.8	17.6	59.8	8.6	161.7	235.7	120.6
May .. ..	116.1	224.4	17.3	61.5	8.3	146.3	234.8	130.0
June .. ..	122.9	218.8	17.1	66.9	9.5	150.5	237.0	134.6
1959-60—	r	r	r	r		p	p	p
July .. ..	145.6	227.4	18.0	64.9	11.8	180.8	274.6	186.0
August .. ..	129.6	222.7	21.9	63.4	r11.9	148.7	250.3	169.1
September ..	158.9	230.4	22.9	76.8	13.2	180.4	288.1	192.2
October .. ..	162.0	230.1	22.9	73.7	11.9	155.6	280.4	193.3
November ..	151.3	219.6	22.0	66.4	16.5	168.2	302.6	179.7
December ..	112.8	175.8	18.3	56.9	10.3	142.9	267.5	146.2
January .. ..	75.5	135.2	14.0	42.6	8.1	94.2	156.9	76.9
February ..	112.6	205.3	22.3	68.5	10.1	155.2	260.3	121.5
March .. ..	127.7	232.8	27.7	70.6	9.8	178.4	284.8	141.0
April .. ..	108.8	195.3	22.9	59.8	8.8	133.1	217.6	119.2
May .. ..	130.6	225.6	25.2	73.4	12.5	156.4	266.3	146.8
June .. ..	141.1	245.2	26.1	74.1	r12.4	180.7	289.6	164.6
1960-61 p—								
July .. ..	134.6	238.2	25.9	72.7	12.6	164.2	301.4	173.2
August .. ..	159.0	259.6	27.7	85.2	14.2	201.8	327.8	210.0
September ..	150.5	266.3	22.9	76.3	13.1	177.8	298.9	207.7
October .. ..	155.6	239.8	21.3	62.3	13.1	182.6	307.9	191.8
November ..	149.0	260.4	20.8	73.8	11.4	216.7	361.2	202.9
December ..	87.3	196.3	14.9	55.5	8.2	145.5	268.3	127.7
January .. ..	64.0	145.8	10.6	44.6	6.7	104.4	166.3	72.9
February ..	104.9	210.3	18.0	63.3	6.4	171.4	283.6	122.3
March .. ..	110.3	220.2	17.9	60.0	5.2	166.6	278.2	133.9
April .. ..	74.2	154.8	12.8	40.2	5.4	113.2	220.6	106.8
May .. ..	94.4	213.5	15.6	51.6	5.7			

(a) Series revised. (b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric. (c) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956. (d) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings subsequent to June, 1956. (e) From July, 1956 specified as sizes 0 to 3 only. (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Includes Infants' and Baby Wear and some Children's. (h) Included with Men's and Women's. (i) Included with Women's—Other.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight).(a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (including Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total Meat.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59	113.7	p43.4	114.1	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.2	8.5	125.1	18,633
1959-60p	121.7	45.6	r116.8	r16,251	r3,702	r6,595	64.0	29.9	16.4	8.5	118.8	19,741
<b>Monthly Total—</b>												
1958-59—	p	p										
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,972	2,361	4,442	77.4	25.0	11.9	9.1	123.4	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,842	2,016	3,449	83.6	25.0	11.8	8.1	128.5	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,356	1,931	2,776	85.3	25.3	12.2	7.2	130.0	15,216
1959-60 p			r	r	r	r						
July ..	132.4	42.0	73.9	8,294	2,289	3,417	91.3	26.9	14.2	7.9	140.3	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.5	97.8	12,530	3,359	5,597	70.7	23.7	13.1	7.4	114.9	17,187
Sept. ..	125.6	40.9	131.7	18,665	4,732	8,376	66.5	28.9	18.2	8.1	121.7	20,753
Oct. ..	133.8	55.8	165.2	24,727	5,976	10,475	60.9	35.8	23.0	9.2	128.9	21,498
Nov. ..	136.6	47.7	177.2	27,210	5,900	11,516	49.9	35.5	22.5	8.2	116.1	22,044
Dec. ..	110.8	44.4	171.9	26,691	5,442	9,867	47.5	36.7	19.7	9.8	112.8	25,601
Jan. ..	111.3	42.2	151.3	22,780	4,718	8,815	48.8	35.1	16.0	7.6	107.5	21,367
Feb. ..	105.2	43.7	124.9	17,985	3,681	6,752	50.9	33.1	16.0	8.3	108.3	20,464
Mar. ..	116.9	53.4	105.6	14,231	2,965	5,307	62.5	32.0	17.7	9.8	122.0	21,126
Apr. ..	104.3	44.4	76.8	9,110	1,952	3,558	61.5	28.3	15.4	8.4	113.6	17,697
May ..	127.7	48.0	65.2	6,806	1,660	2,740	70.9	27.4	13.3	8.5	120.1	16,731
June ..	125.7	38.9	60.5	5,979	1,747	2,716	70.6	27.1	13.8	8.4	119.9	15,378
1960-61 p			r			r						
July ..	130.0	39.4	69.3	7,215	2,315	3,555	64.3	25.1	13.0	8.1	110.5	16,196
August ..	139.8	43.8	100.2	12,736	3,810	5,795	53.8	25.0	14.3	8.3	101.4	20,376
Sept. ..	142.0	47.0	128.6	17,949	4,995	8,012	50.8	28.4	19.8	9.1	108.1	20,721
Oct. ..	133.6	48.0	155.5	22,627	6,164	9,795	43.2	29.1	26.0	9.2	107.5	20,561
Nov. ..	143.1	47.5	162.1	24,091	6,172	9,954	43.2	34.5	23.9	9.1	110.7	23,859
Dec. ..	113.3	42.6	157.7	23,553	5,584	9,155	41.1	34.1	18.9	9.7	103.8	24,069
Jan. ..	122.2	42.3	133.9	19,257	4,416	7,482	44.0	31.3	15.8	8.2	99.3	23,121
Feb. ..	128.1	40.6	102.4	13,504	3,209	5,733	46.3	32.3	14.6	8.5	101.7	20,356
Mar. ..	129.5	43.9	102.3	13,376	2,942	5,334	r53.1	33.8	15.4	9.6	r111.9	21,354
April ..	113.6	40.0	80.6	9,356	2,157	4,718	50.3	28.1	13.2	8.7	100.3	17,898
May ..	144.3			8,419	2,314							17,399

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Whole milk equivalent.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

# PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.
		Sulphuric Acid (100 %).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.	
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.				
	'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37 .. ..	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38 .. ..	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39 .. ..	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1953-54 .. ..	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55 .. ..	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56 .. ..	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303
1956-57 .. ..	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287
1957-58 .. ..	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129		2,370	317
1958-59 .. ..	4,371	82.2	177.0	953	133	(c)9,846		2,282	328
1959-60 .. ..	p 4 535	r89.3	p198.3	r1,001	150	r12,553		r2,318	p350
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—	(b)					(c)			
April .. ..	4,632	89.7	221.5	957	148	10,688		2,925	361
May .. ..	4,206	89.6	176.9	926	137	10,042		2,940	351
June .. ..	4,151	76.9	185.5	796	133	10,158		2,364	339
1959-60—	p	r	p	r	r	r		r	p
July .. ..	4,478	73.3	157.4	1,017	156	12,029		2,435	386
August .. ..	4,296	83.0	175.3	954	144	11,596		2,341	352
September .. ..	4,347	81.9	188.2	1,060	154	13,583		2,599	369
October .. ..	4,700	85.1	183.1	1,081	167	13,445		2,571	378
November .. ..	4,628	74.3	140.7	1,095	163	13,475		2,434	350
December .. ..	5,216	83.7	187.7	1,015	133	11,244		1,977	284
January .. ..	4,231	88.2	178.4	724	109	8,003		1,295	236
February .. ..	4,362	90.4	197.4	1,020	160	12,685		2,250	342
March .. ..	4,591	102.1	249.5	1,154	184	14,505		2,735	398
April .. ..	4,283	107.0	253.2	934	153	11,311		2,313	323
May .. ..	4,769	104.4	237.9	1,012	153	14,379		2,584	393
June .. ..	4,516	97.6	231.3	951	118	14,378		2,280	389
1960-61 p—									
July .. ..	4,444	80.8	169.3	930	116	14,563		2,491	358
August .. ..	5,951	89.0	203.5	1,060	134	16,348		2,737	439
September .. ..	3,681	95.0	194.5	1,091	134	16,779		2,429	410
October .. ..	4,391	85.8	184.8	1,162	123	15,787		2,403	372
November .. ..	5,016	73.5	160.5	1,237	134	17,587		2,519	414
December .. ..	5,398	90.9	190.0	989	113	12,562		1,721	314
January .. ..	4,180	91.2	192.5	722	64	10,694		1,804	259
February .. ..	4,430	95.0	213.8	995	116	12,995		2,143	369
March .. ..	4,668	106.2	269.4	951	119	11,625		2,926	372
April .. ..	4,280	111.0	260.8	778	84	8,936		1,788	306
May .. ..	4,740	110.2		969	106	12,240			

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels. (b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.  
(c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

# INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (b)	United King- dom. (a) (c)	U.S.A. (a)
1953 .. ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 .. ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	106	94
1955 .. ..	116	110	112	120	128	120	116	118	116	111	112	106
1956 .. ..	123	120	115	133	138	128	144	123	122	114	113	109
1957 .. ..	123	120	121	144	147	137	167	126	128	117	115	110
1958 .. ..	115	r120	125	150	151	142	168	127	128	120	113	102
1959 .. ..	119	r129	135	156	162	158	208	139	134	124	120	116
1960 .. ..	126	130	142	173	180	182	261	157	143	134	128	119
1959—												
January ..	112	118	126	154	143	146	171	127	127	123	115	110
February ..	112	125	132	159	149	145	190	122	142	127	118	114
March ..	119	124	130	156	156	154	204	134	123	131	116	116
April ..	121	126	135	163	160	158	195	140	141	130	121	118
May ..	120	129	137	169	163	154	201	137	126	126	118	119
June ..	122	134	139	167	163	155	208	146	145	127	122	121
July ..	105	126	93	150	153	162	209	141	93	66	110	112
August ..	111	126	139	107	153	130	209	129	130	120	104	113
September ..	125	134	148	158	169	170	217	148	146	132	126	115
October ..	128	137	148	166	175	178	221	156	146	137	131	116
November ..	132	133	150	179	186	172	224	144	148	140	133	114
December ..	127	126	143	183	178	172	240	145	134	141	123	118
1960—												
January ..	122	r129	140	174	164	165	224	141	137	135	128	122
February ..	128	131	147	175	168	174	250	145	150	138	131	122
March ..	132	132	147	172	176	189	268	163	152	140	134	122
April ..	129	127	145	177	178	179	252	155	132	139	128	121
May ..	130	131	146	181	183	189	253	162	143	136	133	120
June ..	130	134	145	179	185	180	257	163	150	140	126	120
July ..	109	125	97	167	168	190	260	151	99	72	116	114
August ..	119	126	144	118	168	154	259	151	142	130	111	118
September ..	r133	132	148	175	186	194	268	161	153	138	131	119
October ..	r131	133	150	179	189	193	272	166	155	142	135	120
November ..	r133	r132	153	190	203	188	278	166	158	149	135	116
December ..	115	124	140	187	189	190	289	163	144	145	r128	112
1961—												
January ..	94	123		183	181	187	271	r158	151	144	128	112
February ..		128		187	184	185	294	147	159	148	132	113
March ..					181		325	173	151		133	114
April ..												116

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

(c) Includes construction.

# MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Services vehicles.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period(a).			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.(b) (Revised Series.)		
	Motor Cars.(c)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars and Station Wagons	Other Motor Vehicles.	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1950-51 .. ..	(d) 878	(d) 553	(d) 145	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
1951-52 .. ..	(d) 1,026	(d) 585	(d) 154	(e) 10,400	(f) 5,736	n.a.
1952-53 .. ..	(d) 1,103	(d) 584	(d) 148	(e) 7,657	(f) 4,228	n.a.
1953-54 .. ..	1,195	612	141	(e) 10,297	(f) 4,687	892
1955-56 .. ..	1,342	655	133	(e) 13,581	(f) 5,580	939
1955-56 .. ..	1,467	683	126	13,472	5,625	868
1956-57 .. ..	1,564	707	120	12,271	4,831	800
1957-58 .. ..	1,676	735	116	13,847	5,138	869
1958-59 .. ..	1,783	766	111	14,693	5,526	836
1959-60 .. ..	1,924	807	103	18,671	5,746	807
				Monthly Totals.		
1958-59—						
April .. ..	1,772	762	113	15,541	6,090	900
May .. ..	1,770	761	111	13,759	5,921	799
June .. ..	1,783	766	111	14,866	6,295	696
1959-60—						
July .. ..	1,792	768	110	16,357	6,381	709
August .. ..	1,804	771	109	16,462	5,808	728
September .. ..	1,814	775	108	18,179	6,056	828
October .. ..	1,826	779	108	20,060	6,270	821
November .. ..	1,840	784	107	19,800	6,097	755
December .. ..	1,858	790	107	21,646	6,629	924
January .. ..	1,865	790	107	14,132	4,140	774
February .. ..	1,877	793	106	18,213	5,015	983
March .. ..	1,898	799	106	21,034	5,974	988
April .. ..	1,895	798	104	18,081	4,959	715
May .. ..	1,914	803	103	20,192	5,885	766
June .. ..	1,924	807	103	19,899	5,735	698
1960-61—						
July .. ..	1,927	805	100	20,399	5,587	644
August .. ..	1,949	811	100	22,465	6,233	720
September .. ..	1,967	817	99	22,463	5,783	720
Ocotber .. ..	1,980	819	98	24,266	5,484	765
November .. ..	2,004	828	98	26,067	5,798	709
December .. ..	2,025	838	99	17,607	4,761	671
January .. ..	2,028	835	98	12,704	3,550	683
February .. ..	2,034	837	97	12,905	4,070	751
March .. ..	2,044	839	97	19,013	4,644	729
April .. ..	2,050	841	95	14,755	4,126	500
May .. ..				16,342	4,737	581
June p .. ..				14,160	4,220	406

(a) Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included. (b) This series has been revised, and now corresponds to the series published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and in the monthly preliminary statement, Registrations of New Motor Vehicles. The new series is not strictly comparable with the "on Register" series. (c) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (d) Excludes the Northern Territory. (e) Includes ambulances and hearses. (f) Excludes ambulances and hearses.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.



# GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles(b).		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
<b>Monthly Average—</b>						
1950-51 .. ..	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	—594
1951-52 .. ..	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	—721
1952-53 .. ..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953-54 .. ..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954-55 .. ..	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955-56 .. ..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	—659
1956-57 .. ..	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	—376
1957-58 .. ..	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	—493
1958-59 .. ..	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430	146
1959-60 .. ..	7,750	4,234	663.5	39,881	16,265	228
<b>Monthly Total—(c)</b>						
<b>1958-59—</b>						
February .. ..	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494
March .. ..	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411	821
April .. ..	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354	1,426
May .. ..	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520	—900
June .. ..	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204	—1,689
<b>1959-60—</b>						
July .. ..	8,037	4,473	660.7	40,381	16,317	976
August .. ..	7,842	4,309	633.9	42,681	16,259	868
September .. ..	7,911	4,535	677.6	40,610	16,989	1,638
October .. ..	8,064	4,474	667.1	40,865	16,633	973
November .. ..	7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,083	120
December .. ..	7,811	3,855	616.8	35,424	15,619	—137
January .. ..	7,363	3,496	568.7	38,410	14,578	—471
February .. ..	7,307	4,069	652.8	45,327	15,279	442
March .. ..	8,042	4,669	757.7	38,299	17,456	1,463
April .. ..	7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560	—267
May .. ..	7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820	—320
June .. ..	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	—2,551
<b>1960-61—</b>						
July .. ..	7,838	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463	1,500
August .. ..	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509	2,092
September .. ..	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,375	2,267
October .. ..	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,135	2,152
November .. ..	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815	525
December .. ..	7,679	4,013	638.5	33,908	16,042	—245
January .. ..	7,368	3,919	653.0	38,662	16,436	903
February .. ..	7,113	4,506	727.6	41,196	16,562	1,512
March .. ..	7,987	4,946	787.2	36,866	17,994	1,668

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1950-51 .. ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52 .. ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952-53 .. ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54 .. ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55 .. ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56 .. ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57 .. ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957-58 .. ..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958-59 .. ..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
1959-60 .. ..	843	1,287	348	114	51	364	163	39	1,079
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1958-59—									
March .. ..	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April .. ..	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May .. ..	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June .. ..	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959-60—									
July .. ..	766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August .. ..	758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September ..	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October .. ..	842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November ..	871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December ..	826	1,175	372	144	49	368	161	39	1,133
January .. ..	807	1,287	254	62	25	360	154	32	887
February ..	908	1,095	358	118	47	354	180	40	1,097
March .. ..	995	1,276	334	108	41	380	166	32	1,061
April .. ..	872	1,403	278	120	42	389	127	23	980
May .. ..	736	1,460	332	106	63	313	185	29	1,028
June .. ..	832	1,332	383	137	43	398	185	34	1,180
1960-61—									
July .. ..	878	1,481	325	123	50	367	185	29	1,079
August .. ..	890	1,385	416	98	55	308	195	35	1,108
September ..	1,029	1,430	342	139	70	391	147	44	1,134
October .. ..	909	1,480	347	123	76	376	158	35	1,117
November ..	991	1,531	361	107	56	342	188	34	1,088
December ..	990	1,370	331	167	43	382	164	37	1,125
January .. ..	1,113	1,395	338	121	45	412	227	37	1,180
February ..	1,210	1,312	286	99	45	428	197	29	1,086
March .. ..	1,474	1,426	422	133	26	426	207	40	1,254
April p .. ..	1,412	1,426	303	149	20	436	237	19	1,165

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT,  
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
<b>Monthly Average—</b>									
1950-51 ..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52 ..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53 ..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54 ..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55 ..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56 ..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57 ..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957-58 ..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958-59 ..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
1959-60 ..	123	272	16	44	7	7	6	33	113
<b>Monthly Total—</b>									
1958-59—									
March ..	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April ..	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May ..	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June ..	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959-60—									
July ..	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August ..	107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September ..	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October ..	142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November ..	101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December ..	108	264	19	46	8	3	7	27	110
January ..	91	238	11	40	3	2	5	22	83
February ..	85	348	16	48	9	3	6	30	112
March ..	157	289	19	53	9	4	5	41	131
April ..	168	238	17	40	9	11	2	37	116
May ..	174	298	12	46	11	3	13	43	128
June ..	124	339	9	46	9	12	3	52	131
1960-61—									
July ..	127	351	10	43	12	10	2	44	121
August ..	110	380	12	42	18	5	6	42	126
September ..	103	306	15	49	15	7	6	55	147
October ..	113	349	12	53	20	8	7	44	145
November ..	106	305	14	41	17	6	6	45	129
December ..	128	501	12	51	9	3	4	46	125
January ..	80	302	7	40	7	3	4	38	99
February ..	107	354	8	62	10	3	4	38	125
March ..	117	295	11	29	7	3	5	63	118
April p ..	186	249	13	30	3	2	5	52	105

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 47.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

# POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.	'000.
1950-51 .. .. .	3,732	14	(b) 1,885	..	..	864	1,209
1951-52 .. .. .	4,948	22	1,961	..	..	927	1,301
1952-53 .. .. .	5,367	17	1,986	..	..	985	1,384
1953-54 .. .. .	5,650	15	2,042	..	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55 .. .. .	6,069	13	2,035	..	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56 .. .. .	6,612	13	2,089	..	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57 .. .. .	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11	(c) 74	1,279	1,814
1957-58 .. .. .	8,065	15	2,138	19	291	1,362	1,937
1958-59 .. .. .	8,622	21	2,264	25	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60 .. .. .	10,136	13	2,283	34	955	1,514	2,164
	Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		Monthly Total.			
1958-59—							
April .. .. .	9,700	25	2,266	25	530	1,428	2,036
May .. .. .	8,432	17	2,257	26	555	1,436	2,047
June .. .. .	9,768	16	2,264	24	578	1,443	2,056
1959-60—							
July .. .. .	9,517	16	2,266	28	599	1,453	2,071
August .. .. .	8,100	13	2,265	30	627	1,461	2,084
September .. .. .	9,110	13	2,258	32	654	1,468	2,095
October .. .. .	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475	2,105
November .. .. .	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481	2,112
December .. .. .	11,571	8	2,247	25	738	1,487	2,122
January .. .. .	9,309	9	2,249	26	761	1,491	2,127
February .. .. .	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494	2,132
March .. .. .	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500	2,140
April .. .. .	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504	2,147
May .. .. .	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509	2,154
June .. .. .	12,616	18	2,283	47	955	1,514	2,164
1960-61—						(d)	(e)
July .. .. .	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	1,568	
August .. .. .	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	1,575	
September .. .. .	11,036	16	2,290	34	1,066	1,582	
October .. .. .	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	1,588	
November .. .. .	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	1,594	
December .. .. .	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	1,600	
January .. .. .	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	1,603	
February .. .. .	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	1,608	
March .. .. .	12,191	11	2,261	21	1,164	1,614	
April .. .. .	10,905	10	2,252	20	1,175	1,619	
May .. .. .	12,009	12	2,256	27	1,199	1,625	

(a) Actual collections. (b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951. (c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

(d) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services representing exchange lines plus duplex lines are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical.

(e) No longer available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

# RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a).

## CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).									Rural Credits Department.
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Advances.
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.							
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>										
1954-55 .. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5		415.9	459.8	62.3
1955-56 .. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7		298.9	515.7	73.8
1956-57 .. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9		349.7	508.8	56.6
1957-58 .. ..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4		461.7	478.6	33.7
1958-59 .. ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9		411.5	469.1	46.7
1959-60 .. ..	52.1	361.5	413.6	266.8	23.3	247.5		438.4	504.7	62.6
<b>1958-59—</b>										
April .. ..	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2		417.6	415.5	96.7
May .. ..	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6		438.8	404.9	85.2
June .. ..	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5		431.6	422.8	74.6
<b>1959-60—</b>										
July .. ..	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3		421.2	439.6	67.3
August .. ..	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8		417.2	461.9	58.1
September .. ..	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7	242.8		420.4	480.3	48.3
October .. ..	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6		429.4	478.4	40.5
November .. ..	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3		437.3	499.1	34.1
December(c) .. ..	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9	250.6		448.6	536.5	27.6
January .. ..	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6	242.7		461.8	477.3	52.0
February .. ..	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4		454.8	456.0	78.5
March .. ..	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8	253.6		452.0	461.5	94.7
April .. ..	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7	243.4		450.3	468.4	88.7
May .. ..	57.1	365.6	422.7	309.7	10.5	250.5		465.3	462.7	80.0
June .. ..	56.1	366.0	422.1	304.2	21.0	257.6		453.1	488.9	73.2
<b>1960-61—</b>										
July .. ..	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	135.0	110.8	429.1	494.0	68.4
August .. ..	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	140.0	115.6	406.2	526.3	68.4
September .. ..	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3	49.1
October .. ..	57.7	372.0	429.7	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7	45.7
November .. ..	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	608.7	38.7
December(c) .. ..	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	627.4	34.7
January .. ..	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	632.3	56.7
February .. ..	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	622.3	88.3
March .. ..	56.0	368.6	424.6	307.5	17.3	133.9	122.6	302.7	614.1	103.3
April .. ..	58.9	369.5	428.4	301.2	15.6	132.2	113.2	322.3	562.4	115.7
May .. ..	59.0	364.6	423.6	277.0	20.3	131.0	199.7	427.6	526.9	107.0

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.  
 Trading Banks. (c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,  
and  
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**  
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.										Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	Advances.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				Hire Purchase.	Other.
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.									
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954-55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5
1955-56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1
1956-57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5
1957-58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9
1958-59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1
1959-60 ..	62.5	10.8	181.1	254.4	11.7	3.0	60.1	2.5	41.4	133.7	17.8	15.9
1958-59—												
April ..	60.5	7.4	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	3.5	34.3	112.9	17.5	15.1
May ..	60.4	7.5	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	5.7	34.7	125.3	17.4	15.7
June ..	65.1	8.1	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	3.1	35.2	125.1	17.4	15.6
1959-60—												
July ..	64.9	8.3	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	1.0	36.1	130.7	17.4	15.7
August ..	64.3	8.5	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	3.1	36.1	130.5	17.4	16.0
September ..	65.4	8.2	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	2.8	36.6	129.1	17.4	16.1
October ..	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3
November ..	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4
December(e) ..	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5
January ..	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2
March ..	57.8	13.5	195.0	266.3	10.5	2.8	59.1	3.3	45.3	134.2	17.7	15.8
April ..	63.3	13.8	190.6	267.7	10.6	1.2	59.5	3.8	46.4	135.0	17.8	15.6
May ..	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	9.9	1.0	58.8	3.1	46.8	137.5	18.0	15.4
June ..	65.7	14.2	191.2	271.1	10.4	1.9	56.5	4.4	46.6	139.7	18.1	15.4
1960-61—												
July ..	67.5	13.9	186.7	268.1	9.5	1.3	56.8	1.9	47.2	147.3	18.3	15.2
August ..	67.5	14.3	187.8	269.6	10.1	2.0	54.8	4.2	47.0	147.3	18.7	15.5
September ..	67.3	14.1	188.9	270.3	9.5	1.0	53.2	4.6	47.1	148.1	19.1	15.9
October ..	66.6	13.8	190.7	271.1	10.2	1.8	53.2	1.9	47.3	149.8	19.4	16.3
November ..	66.9	14.1	189.7	270.7	9.6	1.0	51.5	4.8	47.4	148.7	19.9	16.8
December(e) ..	68.5	14.6	186.3	269.4	11.1	1.2	50.2	7.0	44.2	149.5	20.1	17.3
January ..	66.5	14.7	181.3	262.5	11.6	1.8	47.2	2.2	46.2	153.5	19.6	17.5
February ..	71.0	14.8	178.8	264.6	12.2	1.7	46.5	3.6	46.2	149.3	19.0	17.9
March ..	76.5	14.5	178.6	269.6	10.6	2.1	48.5	6.2	46.2	145.1	17.9	18.4
April ..	80.8	14.3	182.5	277.6	11.4	2.0	54.9	8.8	45.6	143.8	18.3	19.0
May ..	85.4	14.2	177.3	276.9	9.6	1.7	62.3	5.1	43.3	144.2	18.5	19.8

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.



**PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)**  
**LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.**  
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1936-37 .. ..	184.7		112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	..	262.5
1937-38 .. ..	194.8		120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	..	274.4
1938-39 .. ..	198.8		118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	..	288.1
1954-55 .. ..	211.7	51.3	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	..	269.1	776.8
1955-56 .. ..	210.8	52.3	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	..	238.8	804.4
1956-57 .. ..	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	..	254.1	762.6
1957-58 .. ..	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,391.3	59.8	39.0	176.2	..	287.4	774.3
1958-59 .. ..	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	..	222.8	807.0
1959-60 .. ..	281.2	104.3	1,067.6	1,453.1	57.7	24.4	236.9	21.8	238.8	818.3
1958-59—										
April .. ..	277.9	96.7	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.1	46.6	239.0	21.0	215.3	782.2
May .. ..	277.2	92.3	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	23.1	214.9	790.1
June .. ..	277.9	92.8	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	21.2	214.4	791.1
1959-60—										
July .. ..	277.9	100.8	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	21.9	213.4	805.4
August .. ..	279.8	105.5	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	20.8	213.4	803.1
September ..	282.6	105.4	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	23.0	213.0	800.6
October .. ..	286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	26.6	212.6	814.6
November ..	287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	24.5	225.5	817.2
December(f) ..	282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	24.1	242.9	806.3
January .. ..	281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	27.4	243.6	798.4
February .. ..	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0	256.1	795.4
March .. ..	302.3	85.8	1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	21.9	262.7	800.4
April .. ..	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	14.8	265.0	837.8
May .. ..	300.0	84.6	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0	262.3	863.0
June .. ..	296.4	90.0	1,073.6	1,460.0	61.0	11.9	185.8	15.2	257.1	875.4
1960-61—										
July .. ..	295.4	96.2	1,046.5	1,438.1	60.1	12.1	178.1	12.0	255.6	913.0
August .. ..	298.0	97.6	1,036.9	1,432.5	61.1	12.1	176.1	12.2	252.4	918.8
September ..	298.6	90.2	1,037.3	1,426.1	56.5	8.9	173.9	11.8	250.9	929.5
October .. ..	297.3	94.3	1,056.7	1,448.3	62.6	11.5	170.9	11.6	249.5	942.4
November ..	301.6	89.3	1,069.7	1,460.6	60.9	13.6	167.9	11.3	252.6	940.8
December(f) ..	318.0	78.9	1,061.3	1,458.2	67.5	11.8	167.4	15.6	237.8	930.8
January .. ..	332.1	86.1	1,048.9	1,467.1	71.4	20.1	169.1	24.3	249.8	905.1
February .. ..	355.3	89.9	1,050.6	1,495.8	66.2	42.3	177.1	24.9	256.4	881.0
March .. ..	368.9	87.8	1,045.0	1,501.7	58.5	44.3	179.1	32.8	260.8	866.4
April .. ..	374.0	78.7	1,027.9	1,480.6	60.1	25.0	179.2	24.9	255.0	873.0
May .. ..	377.6	83.4	984.4	1,445.4	61.9	23.9	176.2	22.0	233.2	866.1

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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# PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

## RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37 .. ..	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2	37.9
1937-38 .. ..	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1	38.1
1938-39 .. ..	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7	37.4
1954-55 .. ..	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3	79.9
1955-56 .. ..	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1	79.7
1956-57 .. ..	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4	77.5
1957-58 .. ..	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7	75.2
1958-59 .. ..	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6	73.2
1959-60 .. ..	4.0	5.7	22.0	16.4	56.3	73.5
1958-59—						
April .. ..	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2	73.6
May .. ..	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3	73.2
June .. ..	3.8	5.0	20.8	15.5	57.6	73.1
1959-60—						
July .. ..	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5	72.5
August .. ..	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4	72.0
September .. ..	4.1	6.0	22.3	15.2	57.0	72.4
October .. ..	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9	72.6
November .. ..	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1	73.1
December(c) .. ..	4.6	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3	74.0
January .. ..	4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8	74.4
February .. ..	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9	74.5
March .. ..	3.6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8	74.4
April .. ..	3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1	74.4
May .. ..	4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0	73.7
June .. ..	4.2	5.0	17.7	17.6	60.0	73.5
1960-61—						
July .. ..	4.2	5.1	17.4	17.7	63.5	72.8
August .. ..	4.3	5.1	17.4	17.6	64.1	72.4
September .. ..	4.0	4.6	16.8	17.6	65.2	72.7
October .. ..	4.3	5.1	16.9	17.2	65.1	73.0
November .. ..	4.2	5.1	17.3	17.3	64.4	73.2
December(c) .. ..	4.6	5.4	16.9	16.3	63.8	72.8
January .. ..	4.9	1.4	11.5	17.0	61.7	71.5
February .. ..	4.4	7.2	19.1	19.1	58.9	70.2
March .. ..	3.9	6.9	18.8	17.4	57.7	69.6
April .. ..	4.1	5.8	17.9	17.2	59.0	69.4
May .. ..	4.3	5.9	18.1	16.1	59.9	68.1

(a) See footnote (a), page, 50.  
a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from furnishing

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin. Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1954-55 .. ..	249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9
1955-56 .. ..	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3
1956-57 .. ..	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1
1957-58 .. ..	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1
1958-59 .. ..	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5
1959-60 .. ..	343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0
1958-59—										
April .. ..	338.4	104.1	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	24.5	249.6	905.1
May .. ..	337.5	99.9	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	28.8	249.6	915.4
June .. ..	343.0	100.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	24.3	249.5	916.3
1959-60—										
July .. ..	342.8	109.1	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	22.9	249.5	936.1
August .. ..	344.0	114.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	23.9	249.5	933.6
September ..	348.0	113.5	1,185.4	1,646.9	71.1	31.0	292.8	25.8	249.5	929.6
October .. ..	352.3	113.8	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	28.4	249.5	945.2
November ..	353.6	112.5	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	27.0	264.6	948.7
December(e) ..	341.0	112.9	1,286.9	1,740.8	83.6	22.7	309.7	25.7	284.6	942.1
January .. ..	339.4	108.7	1,287.4	1,735.5	78.5	44.3	316.8	28.7	285.9	934.3
February .. ..	358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.8	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2
March .. ..	360.1	99.3	1,324.4	1,783.8	65.7	38.2	336.7	25.2	308.0	934.6
April .. ..	364.7	95.1	1,300.6	1,760.4	65.2	17.4	303.0	18.6	311.4	972.8
May .. ..	363.1	98.1	1,267.9	1,729.1	68.0	12.4	264.4	20.2	309.1	1,000.5
June .. ..	362.1	104.2	1,264.9	1,731.2	71.4	13.8	242.2	19.5	303.7	1,015.0
1960-61—										
July .. ..	362.9	110.0	1,233.1	1,706.0	69.7	13.4	234.9	13.9	302.9	1,060.3
August .. ..	365.5	111.9	1,224.7	1,702.1	71.2	14.1	230.9	16.3	299.4	1,066.1
September ..	365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5
October .. ..	363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	13.3	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.2
November ..	368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5
December(e) ..	386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3
January .. ..	398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6
February .. ..	426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4
March .. ..	445.4	102.3	1,223.6	1,771.3	69.1	46.4	227.6	39.1	307.0	1,011.5
April .. ..	454.8	93.0	1,210.4	1,758.2	71.5	27.0	234.1	33.7	300.6	1,016.8
May .. ..	463.0	97.6	1,161.7	1,722.3	72.4	25.6	238.5	27.1	276.5	1,010.3

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) See footnote (b), page 49.

(c) See footnote (c), page 49.

(d) See footnote (d), page 49.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

## (Major Trading Banks.)

### RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1954-55 .. ..	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56 .. ..	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57 .. ..	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957-58 .. ..	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958-59 .. ..	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1959-60 .. ..	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8	73.1
1958-59—						
April .. ..	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1
May .. ..	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8	72.9
June .. ..	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8	72.5
1959-60—						
July .. ..	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1	72.0
August .. ..	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9	71.6
September .. ..	4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5	72.0
October .. ..	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4	72.2
November .. ..	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5	72.8
December(b) .. ..	4.8	6.1	23.9	16.3	54.1	73.9
January .. ..	4.5	7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8	74.2
February .. ..	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7	74.3
March .. ..	3.7	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4	74.2
April .. ..	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3	73.9
May .. ..	3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9	73.3
June .. ..	4.1	4.9	18.9	17.5	58.6	73.1
1960-61—						
July .. ..	4.1	4.8	18.6	17.8	62.2	72.3
August .. ..	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6	72.0
September .. ..	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5	72.3
October .. ..	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5	72.6
November .. ..	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9	72.7
December(b) .. ..	4.6	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5	72.2
January .. ..	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2	71.1
February .. ..	4.5	6.9	19.7	17.2	58.5	69.8
March .. ..	3.9	6.5	19.4	17.3	57.1	66.6
April .. ..	4.1	5.5	18.8	17.1	57.8	68.9
May .. ..	4.2	5.7	19.5	16.1	58.7	67.5

(a) See footnote (a), page 50.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

## LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.			
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.							
Average of Weekly Figures—										
1954-55 .. ..	254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1
1955-56 .. ..	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1
1956-57 .. ..	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8
1957-58 .. ..	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3
1958-59 .. ..	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3
1959-60 .. ..	354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8	1,040.6
1958-59—										
April .. ..	348.8	118.5	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	28.1	250.2	991.5
May .. ..	348.0	114.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	33.2	250.2	1,002.3
June .. ..	353.5	115.5	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	28.3	250.2	1,003.5
1959-60—										
July .. ..	352.4	126.9	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	29.1	250.2	1,023.3
August .. ..	353.7	132.7	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	29.9	250.2	1,019.9
September ..	357.8	132.2	1,226.7	1,716.7	74.1	31.5	308.4	31.8	250.2	1,016.9
October .. ..	362.3	131.8	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	34.3	250.2	1,033.1
November ..	363.9	130.3	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	32.9	265.2	1,036.5
December(e) ..	351.5	130.1	1,330.8	1,812.4	86.6	23.3	325.2	31.2	285.1	1,030.6
January .. ..	349.9	125.3	1,335.0	1,810.2	82.1	45.1	335.1	34.6	286.5	1,022.9
February ..	369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5
March .. ..	370.7	116.4	1,373.0	1,860.1	68.5	39.9	356.2	31.4	308.6	1,023.9
April .. ..	375.6	112.5	1,348.4	1,836.5	68.0	18.8	321.6	25.8	312.0	1,062.7
May .. ..	374.0	115.7	1,313.9	1,803.6	70.5	13.3	282.0	28.3	309.7	1,090.4
June .. ..	372.7	122.2	1,310.6	1,805.5	74.2	14.2	258.8	27.2	304.2	1,105.5
1960-61—										
July .. ..	373.6	131.7	1,278.2	1,783.5	72.6	13.9	251.1	24.1	303.4	1,150.4
August .. ..	377.5	134.3	1,268.4	1,780.2	73.7	14.6	247.9	23.8	300.0	1,156.4
September ..	378.9	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.3	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.3	298.6	1,169.0
October .. ..	376.9	128.7	1,292.8	1,798.4	75.6	13.5	241.8	21.9	297.3	1,184.8
November ..	381.5	123.7	1,304.5	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5	1,183.5
December(e) ..	399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.4	27.1	282.6	1,175.4
January .. ..	413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.4	32.1	296.5	1,153.8
February ..	441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	25.8	244.0	35.0	303.1	1,125.7
March .. ..	461.7	121.4	1,271.2	1,854.3	71.7	47.6	247.7	44.3	307.5	1,108.0
April .. ..	471.8	113.0	1,258.7	1,843.5	74.1	28.0	254.3	40.3	301.2	1,113.7
May .. ..	480.3	119.0	1,207.1	1,806.4	75.0	25.8	258.9	33.8	277.0	1,108.1

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) See note (d), page 49. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

# ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS: DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)  
(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
<b>Average of Weekly Figures—</b>									
1954-55 .. ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955-56 .. ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57 .. ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58 .. ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59 .. ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959-60 .. ..	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
<b>1958-59—</b>									
April .. ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	0.8	2.2	639.8
May .. ..	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	0.8	1.9	679.1
June .. ..	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	0.8	2.7	677.6
<b>1959-60—</b>									
July .. ..	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	1.0	2.5	705.5
August .. ..	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	0.8	2.4	647.6
September ..	283.1	247.6	79.7	51.3	33.5	14.7	0.9	2.3	713.1
October .. ..	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	1.0	2.3	736.5
November ..	295.2	265.1	79.9	53.3	34.7	15.2	1.0	2.4	746.8
December ..	312.5	297.9	86.5	58.8	38.2	17.6	1.0	3.0	815.5
January .. ..	259.3	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.7
February ..	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March .. ..	319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April .. ..	302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May .. ..	328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8
June .. ..	331.2	292.5	83.6	57.3	35.6	17.3	1.0	2.8	821.3
<b>1960-61—</b>									
July .. ..	342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August .. ..	313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September ..	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.5	1.1	3.4	797.5
October .. ..	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November ..	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December ..	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.2	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.4
January .. ..	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February ..	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8
March .. ..	317.2	282.4	76.8	59.8	38.7	16.7	0.9	3.3	795.8
April .. ..	301.7	263.7	76.5	57.8	36.5	15.9	0.9	4.1	757.1
May .. ..	326.6	289.5	80.9	57.5	38.5	17.4	1.0	3.8	815.2

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).



# SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1957	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
„ 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
„ 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
„ 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	1,522.7
1959-60—									
April ..	525.7	486.4	176.2	162.5	76.2	45.7	2.4	5.3	1,480.4
May ..	530.2	489.5	177.6	161.8	76.8	46.0	2.5	5.3	1,489.7
June ..	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	1,522.7
1960-61—									
July ..	547.8	503.7	184.4	166.5	79.0	46.9	2.7	5.6	1,536.6
August	554.0	507.9	186.6	166.3	80.0	47.7	2.8	5.6	1,550.9
September	558.8	512.2	188.3	166.1	81.0	48.0	2.9	5.7	1,563.0
October	565.5	518.9	190.9	166.6	81.8	48.2	2.9	6.0	1,580.8
November	565.7	518.1	190.1	165.3	81.4	48.0	2.8	5.9	1,577.3
December	564.0	514.4	188.1	163.8	80.5	47.6	2.7	5.8	1,566.9
January	563.6	513.4	186.4	163.8	80.4	47.5	2.7	5.9	1,563.7
February	563.2	512.2	185.0	164.1	79.9	47.8	2.6	6.0	1,560.8
March ..	560.7	508.6	183.8	163.2	79.4	47.3	2.6	5.9	1,551.5
April ..	560.5	507.6	183.1	162.7	79.4	47.3	2.6	6.1	1,549.3
May ..	560.0	508.5	182.8	161.7	79.2	47.0	2.6	6.0	1,547.8

(a) Interest added 1959-60, £40.2 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

## SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA(a).

(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Commonwealth and States (Including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi-Governmental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June 1957	2.8	98.6	54.8	706.1	199.2	..	202.1	
„ 1958	2.8	104.6	54.6	719.4	224.5	..	228.1	
„ 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
„ 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	2.5
1959-60—								
April ..	3.1	129.1	56.7	794.4	280.7	4.4	267.6	23.5
May ..	3.3	132.3	54.5	795.5	282.6	3.9	271.1	23.9
June ..	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
1960-61—								
July ..	3.2	131.7	55.2	799.7	287.5	7.6	280.3	24.1
August ..	2.6	138.7	54.7	802.0	291.0	6.2	284.8	24.1
September	3.0	139.1	55.6	805.7	294.6	9.1	287.7	24.8
October ..	2.8	147.5	55.1	814.5	297.7	10.8	290.0	25.1
November	2.7	147.5	47.1	818.8	300.7	8.8	293.2	25.1
December	4.0	136.2	47.1	817.3	303.7	5.8	297.8	25.4
January ..	3.2	135.3	45.4	814.9	305.4	6.8	297.9	25.7
February	4.5	132.5	44.6	813.4	307.2	6.8	299.6	25.6
March ..	4.0	128.9	43.8	813.0	309.0	5.2	302.0	26.1
April ..	4.1	129.1	43.0	812.3	309.5	5.9	303.5	25.8
May ..	4.3	127.6	44.0	803.6	310.5	6.3	305.9	26.1

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

# LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	Ordinary Department.	Industrial Department.	
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.					
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1937 .. ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938 .. ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939 .. ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1951-52.. ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53.. ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54.. ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55.. ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56.. ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57.. ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
1957-58.. ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948
1958-59.. ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,006	1,268	3,062	864	6,103
1959-60.. ..	33,584	57,603	15,806	2,798	8,888	1,286	3,417	936	6,224
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—									
March .. ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,958	1,321	2,928	911	6,389
April .. ..	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,616	1,287	3,062	861	6,680
May .. ..	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,485	1,177	2,129	928	7,304
June .. ..	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,466	1,363	3,552	939	5,875
1959-60—									
July .. ..	30,925	55,049	16,544	2,782	9,398	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396
August .. ..	31,814	51,565	19,612	3,364	8,101	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525
September ..	41,929	64,137	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984
October .. ..	28,487	50,266	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865
November ..	31,211	55,527	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659
December ..	36,552	105,417	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554
January .. ..	21,320	30,404	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860
February ..	29,950	44,688	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019
March .. ..	38,414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603
April .. ..	31,041	49,698	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796
May .. ..	40,657	63,454	17,733	3,280	10,057	1,321	3,585	1,120	6,671
June .. ..	40,755	66,766	17,826	3,332	12,524	1,395	3,854	1,055	7,760
1960-61—									
July .. ..	42,891	71,024	14,516	2,854	10,115	1,221	3,829	1,098	7,256
August .. ..	43,944	66,209	22,325	5,014	9,880	1,432	4,097	1,193	7,586
September ..	50,689	93,627	18,429	4,153	9,484	1,315	3,953	1,151	9,154
October .. ..	33,644	59,393	16,659	4,091	8,510	1,353	5,221	1,136	7,613
November ..	36,373	62,135	15,334	4,208	9,036	1,485	4,645	1,219	8,272
December ..	37,455	137,993	11,809	3,509	9,996	1,601	4,575	926	8,472
January .. ..	20,555	35,641	4,963	954	7,930	685	3,224	777	5,594
February ..	25,929	42,560	14,426	3,149	8,442	1,161	3,590	1,109	6,367
March .. ..	31,413	58,944	16,357	4,071	10,036	1,345	4,623	1,322	7,242
April .. ..	29,368	48,674	12,708	3,057	9,337	1,238	4,155	969	5,191

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

# INTERNATIONAL RESERVES, EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Inter- national Reserves. (a)	Exchange Rates.(b)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Govern- ment Securities taxed at Current Common- wealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
		Australia on London. (c)	London on New York. (c)	Australia on New York. (d)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(e)	Long Dated 12 years.(e)	
	£m.	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. Per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	Per cent. (f)
1936-37 .. ..	n.a.	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(g) 3.94	(h) 3.94	(i) 5.3
1937-38 .. ..	n.a.	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(g) 3.30	(h) 3.71	(i) 5.3
1938-39 .. ..	n.a.	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(g) 3.67	(h) 3.84	(j) 5.4
	(k)								(j)
1953-54 .. ..	570.7	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 .. ..	428.3	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 .. ..	355.0	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 .. ..	566.5	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 .. ..	525.4	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59 .. ..	516.4	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1959-60 .. ..	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.02	4.92	7.6
1958-59—									(l)
April .. ..	527.2	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May .. ..	544.3	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June .. ..	516.4	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—									
July .. ..	507.9	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August .. ..	502.1	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2
September ..	514.1	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.527	3.93	4.90	7.2
October .. ..	523.6	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	7.3
November ..	538.6	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	7.4
December ..	547.2	125.25	2.799	2.227	15.625	12.524	3.95	4.93	7.6
January .. ..	538.4	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.531	3.99	4.92	7.6
February ..	541.1	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	7.6
March .. ..	547.2	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.506	4.14	4.94	7.7
April .. ..	540.5	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	4.14	4.93	7.8
May .. ..	543.8	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.508	4.17	4.94	7.9
June .. ..	512.0	125.25	2.805	2.231	15.625	12.520	4.20	4.95	8.0
1960-61—									
July .. ..	482.6	125.25	2.808	2.235	15.625	12.500	4.33	4.97	8.0
August .. ..	441.9	125.25	2.810	2.237	15.625	12.502	4.33	4.96	8.1
September ..	424.0	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.0
October .. ..	413.3	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.0
November ..	398.0	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.28	5.22	8.0
December ..	376.3	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.63	5.38	7.8
January .. ..	374.5	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	7.7
February ..	373.6	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	7.7
March .. ..	388.1	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	7.6
April .. ..	416.5	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.536	5.46	5.36	7.6
May .. ..	531.1	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.548	5.43	5.36	7.7

(a) Source: Reserve Bank. Net Gold and Foreign Exchange Holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). (b) Average of daily quotations. (c) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (d) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (e) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (f) Weighted average 12 months. (g) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (i) Urban securities only. (j) Rural and urban securities. (k) Annual figures are as at the end of the year. (l) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

# INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Common-wealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Common-wealth Loans (Long Term)
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).				
	3 months.	6 months.	12months.	24months.	Common-wealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.			
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1st December	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250
1946—20th November	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750
25th November	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
4th December	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000
1958—1st November	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000
1960—17th November	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.00	1.00	5.000
1961—1st January ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.25	1.00	5.000
22nd February	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g) 7.00	(g) 7.00	3.25	1.00	5.375

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Seasonal Securities which were first issued in November, 1959, now carry a discount rate of approximately 4.25 per cent. per annum. (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (f) Under the new arrangements banks no longer accept fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. (g) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

## COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—					1959–60—				
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	3,000	311,397
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	221,446
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	31st May	183,000	12,609	..	195,609
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	30th June	201,000	..	..	201,000
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000					
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	1960–61—				
1960 ..	201,000	..	..	201,000	31st July	195,000	..	..	195,000
					31st Aug.	222,000	..	..	222,000
1958–59—					30th Sept.	254,000	..	..	254,000
30th April	163,000	..	4,250	167,250	31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559
31st May	133,000	..	3,250	136,250	30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103
30th June	171,000	..	..	171,000	31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227
1959–60—					31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167
31st July	169,000	..	..	169,000	28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316
31st Aug.	201,000	..	..	201,000	31st Mar.	282,000	47,513	..	329,513
30th Sept.	239,000	..	..	239,000	30th Apr.	224,000	25,246	..	249,246
31st Oct.	279,000	..	1,000	280,000	31st May	192,000	8,094	..	200,094

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.  
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

# COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

## CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS. (£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 .. ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1954-55 .. ..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56 .. ..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57 .. ..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 .. ..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 .. ..	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 .. ..	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	25.1	699.5	1,438.3	1,857.3
1960-61 (Estimate)	277.8	181.5	109.9	81.5	69.0	26.8	746.5	1,616.4	2,057.6
1958-59—									
July-Mar. ..	160.4	90.9	68.5	47.0	41.6	14.7	423.1	787.5	1,053.0
Apr. ..	184.3	106.4	78.7	53.4	47.4	16.6	486.8	973.4	1,271.7
May ..	210.1	121.7	87.5	60.0	52.8	18.4	550.5	1,113.8	1,448.7
1959-60—									
July-Mar. ..	178.2	101.4	70.4	51.6	43.6	15.8	461.0	875.9	1,162.8
Apr. ..	202.8	117.8	80.8	58.4	49.7	18.0	527.5	1,066.3	1,384.3
May ..	228.8	135.6	90.6	67.2	56.0	20.3	598.5	1,243.2	1,595.8
1960-61—									
July-Mar. ..	191.1	112.8	73.6	56.0	46.5	17.6	497.6	991.1	1,296.9
Apr. ..	217.5	130.8	84.6	63.6	53.4	20.0	569.9	1,201.0	1,539.9
May ..	246.9	151.2	94.9	72.6	60.4	22.6	648.6	1,393.1	

EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39 .. ..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1954-55 .. ..	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56 .. ..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57 .. ..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.7
1957-58 .. ..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 .. ..	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 .. ..	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	26.2	702.0	1,438.3	1,859.8
1960-61 (Estimate)	277.9	181.4	110.1	81.2	69.8	27.2	747.6	1,616.4	2,058.6
1958-59—									
July-Mar. ..	168.4	106.2	74.4	49.0	46.4	16.3	460.7	898.5	1,201.5
Apr. ..	191.5	120.9	82.5	55.5	51.6	18.4	520.4	998.6	1,330.5
May ..	215.0	136.1	91.5	62.2	56.8	21.0	582.6	1,121.3	1,488.3
1959-60—									
July-Mar. ..	179.2	115.9	75.8	54.2	48.4	17.8	491.3	990.4	1,307.6
Apr. ..	204.4	130.1	83.9	60.7	53.6	20.2	552.9	1,115.6	1,459.1
May ..	229.9	146.7	93.1	68.5	58.9	22.6	619.7	1,243.2	1,616.9
1960-61—									
July-Mar. ..	193.7	126.0	79.5	56.4	52.3	19.4	527.3	1,054.5	1,390.1
Apr. ..	220.3	141.4	88.3	63.4	57.9	21.9	593.2	1,201.0	1,563.2
May ..	248.9	159.2	98.5	71.2	63.8	24.8	666.4	1,393.1	

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.